1979 Silver Spur

To a great friend.

Holly Bunch

Richard Eldridge

Michelle Cummings

Gregory Lyon

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Michael Garner

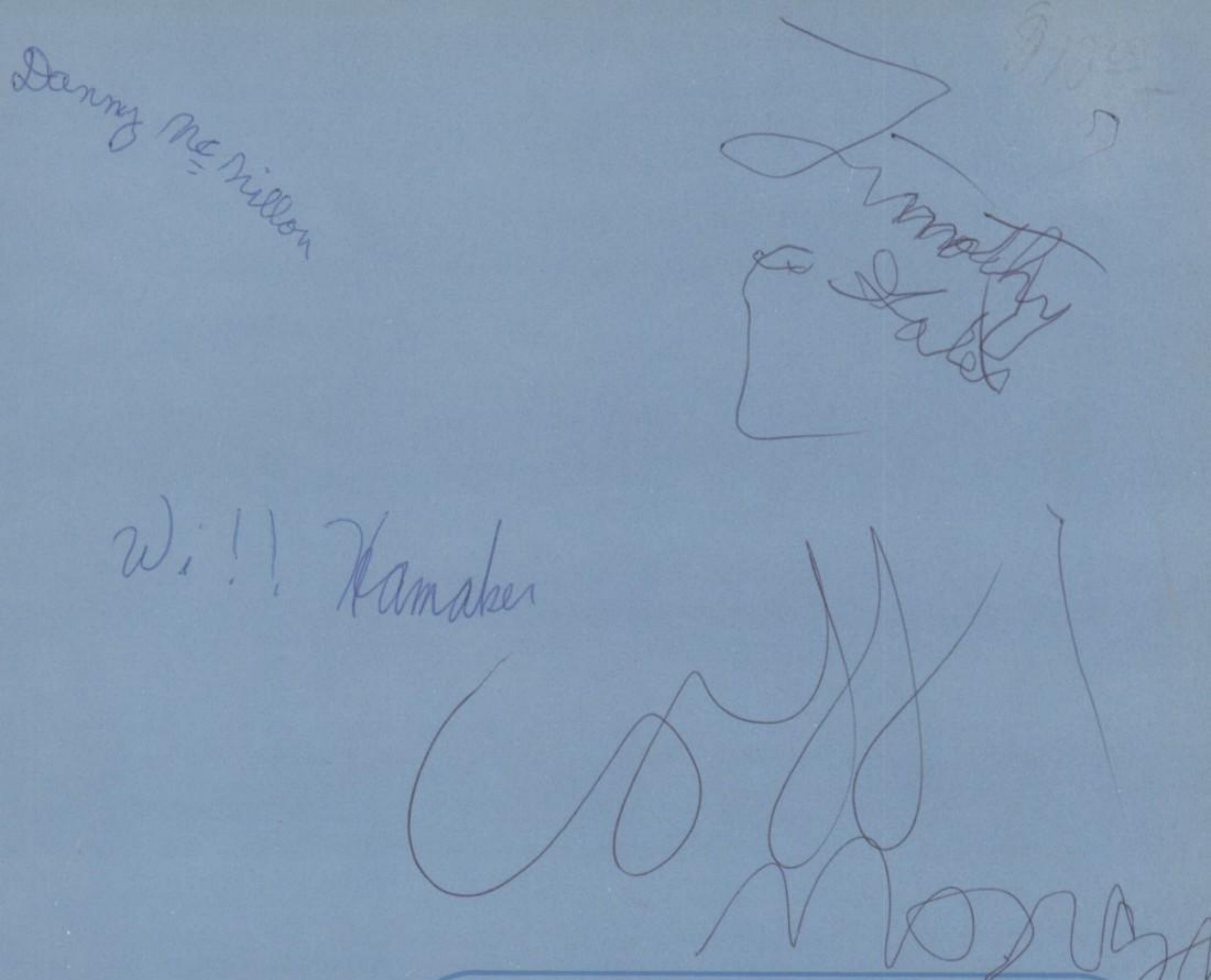
Mark Hargadine

Laura Kilpatrick

Jamie Wyatt

Jaime Guerriero

Susy Ellis



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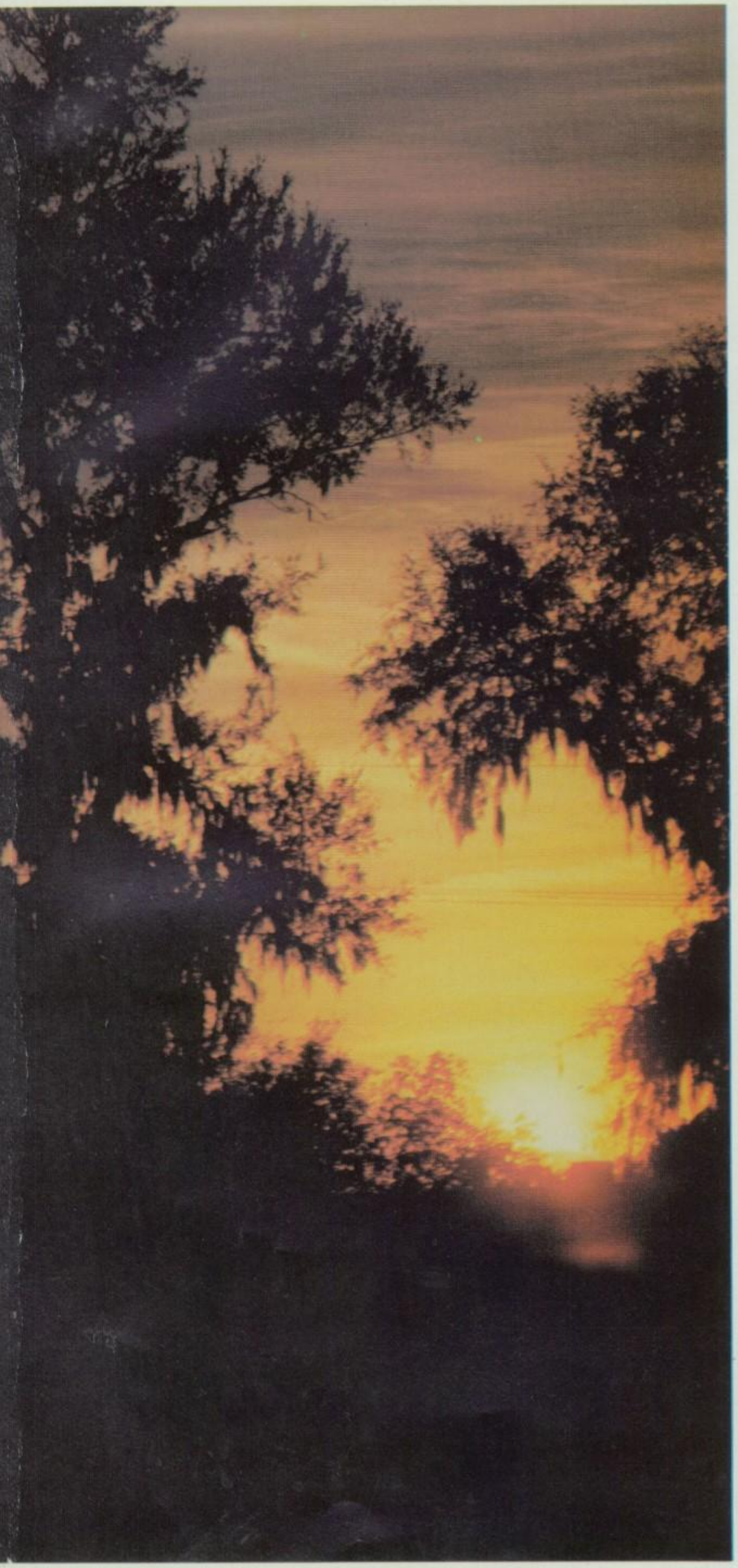

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10th Edition

River Oaks School
Monroe,
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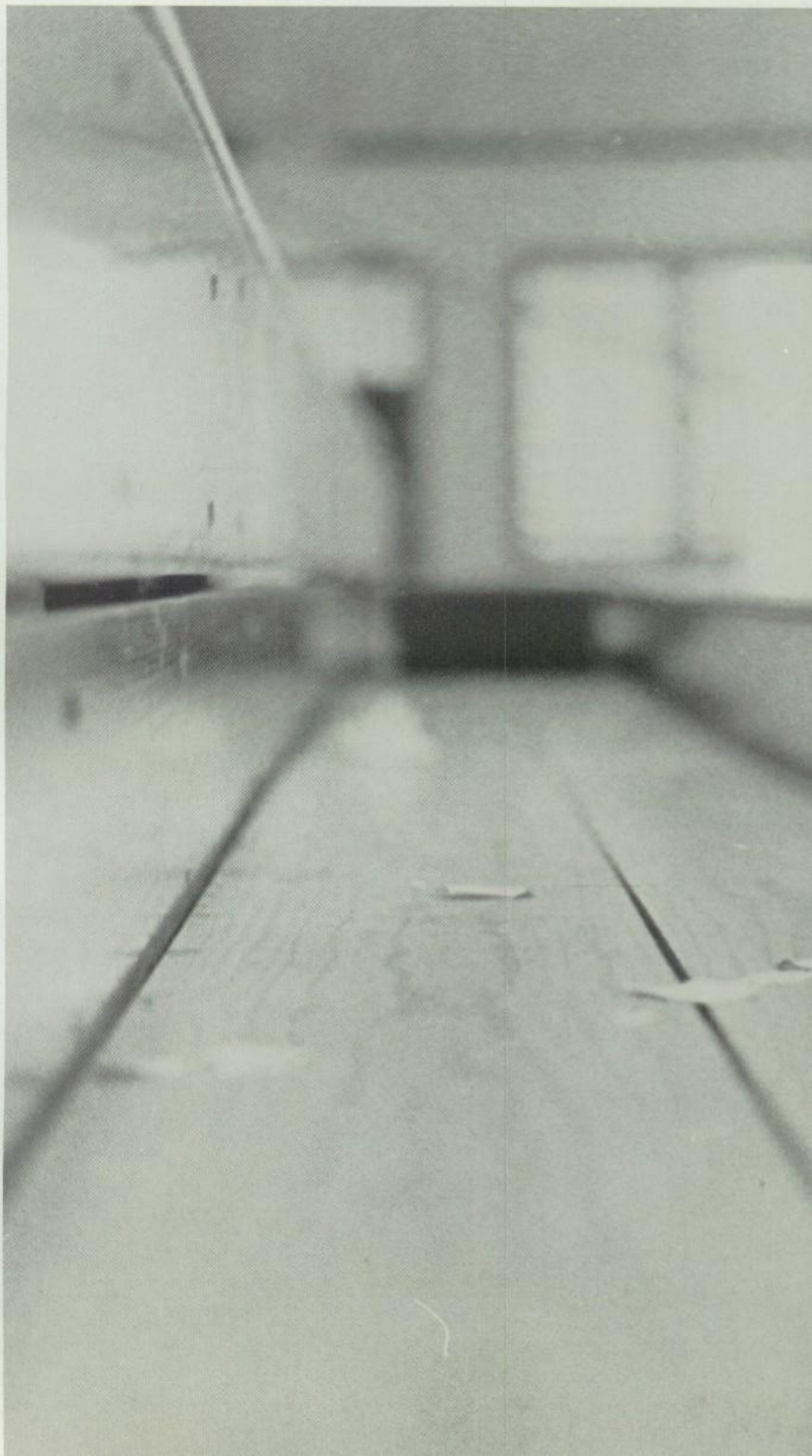
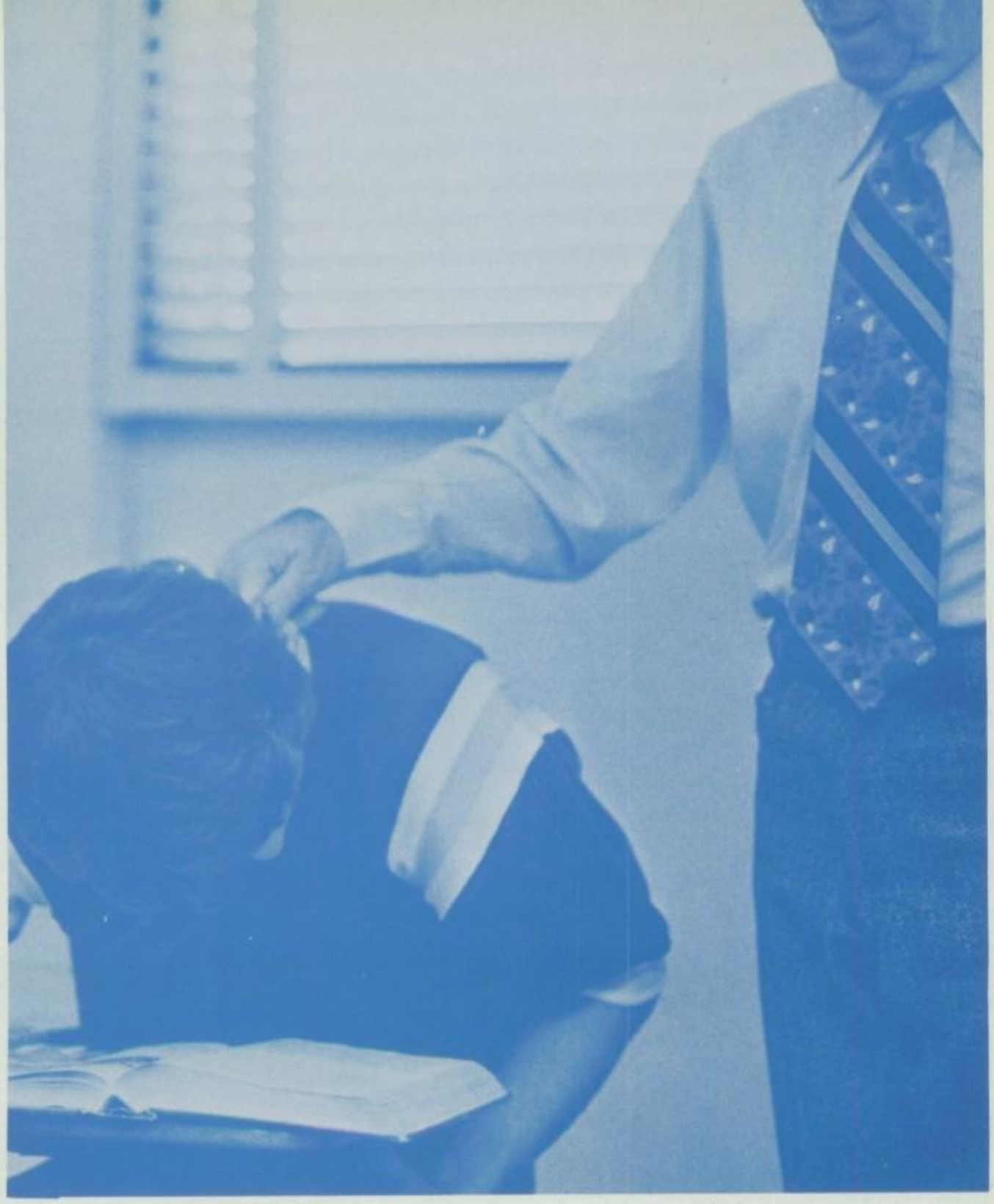
For Every falling grain of sand,
There is a time and reason for
Everything that happens on earth;



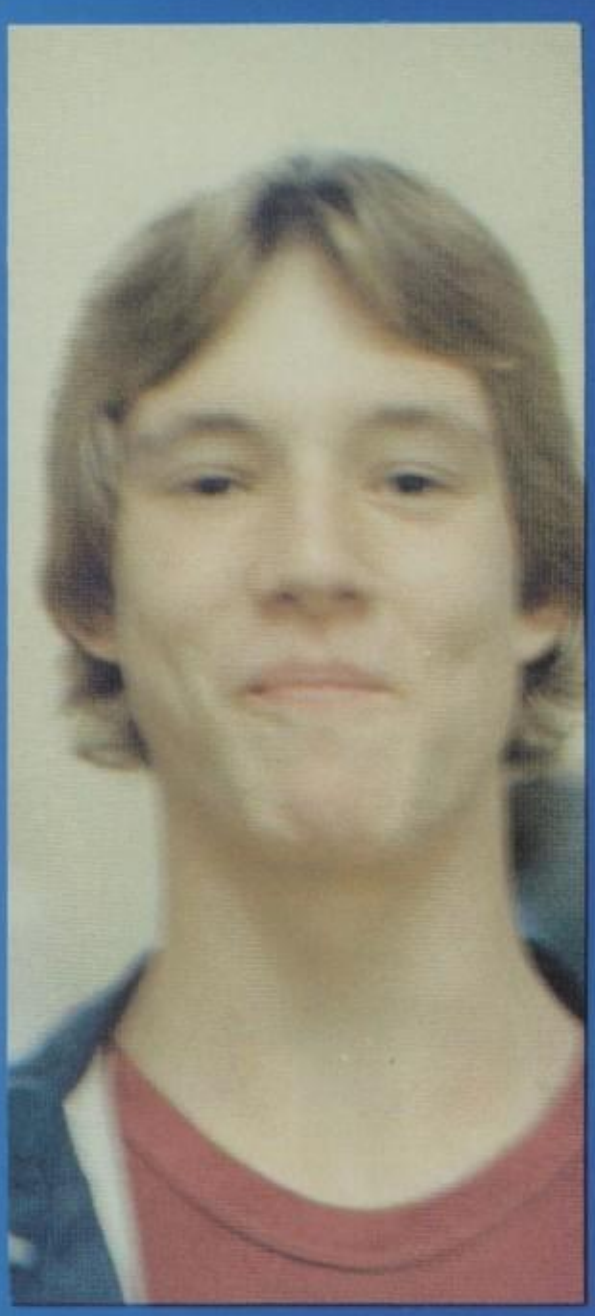


SCHOOL BUS

A time to
laugh,
A time
to cry. . .

As emotions changed, the echoes of laughter and tear shedding were heard throughout the halls. RO fans, as well as the players themselves, felt the trial and trauma of each game. Every football player experienced much frustration and anxiety to accomplish "the winning touch" that made the Mustangs district champs. Besides athletics there were crazy days when it seemed as if school were the furthest thing from everyone's minds. Friends shared good times, for happiness existed in '79. From holidays to simple get-togethers, the cheery feeling lingered.

With the good came the bad. In mid-September tragic rains hit Monroe; waters flooded many homes, and Mr. Hammock dismissed school for a day. Even though school was viewed as a chore many times, students remembered the good times and the happiness of each day.



A time to fail, A time to try. . .

Failure often dampened students' spirits, but an ever-present desire would not allow them to give up. Establishing goals in sports, academics, music, and leisure, students were constantly on the move. However, reaching these goals entailed hard work, thought, and often pain. Goals occasionally ended in failure, only once more to be attempted again. An "A" in senior English, a perfect paper in composition, an excellent in speech, a completely read assignment for a book report, and a Mustang victory were all attempted but were not always successful.

Participating was the key to fulfillment at River Oaks. Although verbal recognition or an award or trophy was always an honor, the greatest reward of all was the feeling of accomplishment.

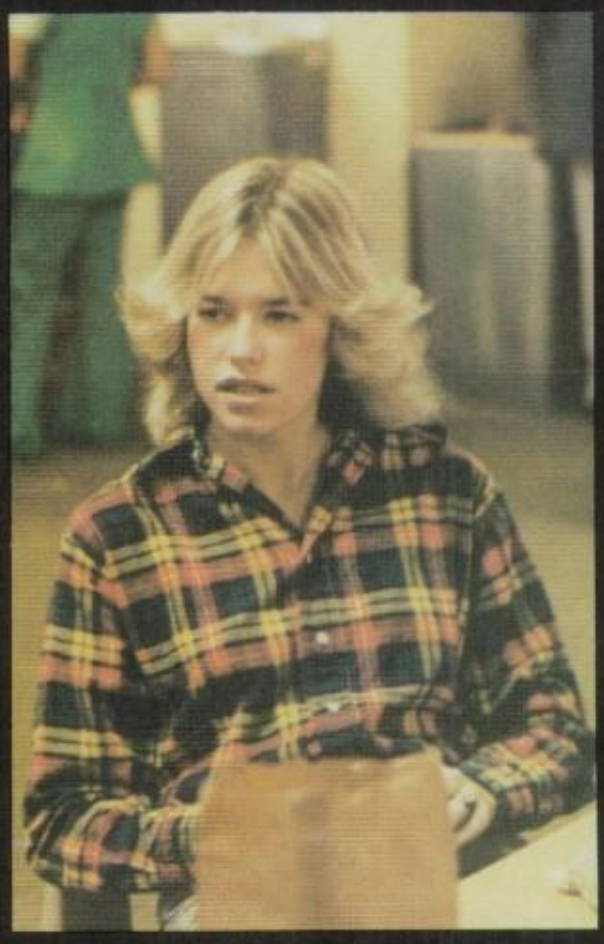
A time to love, A time to hate. . .

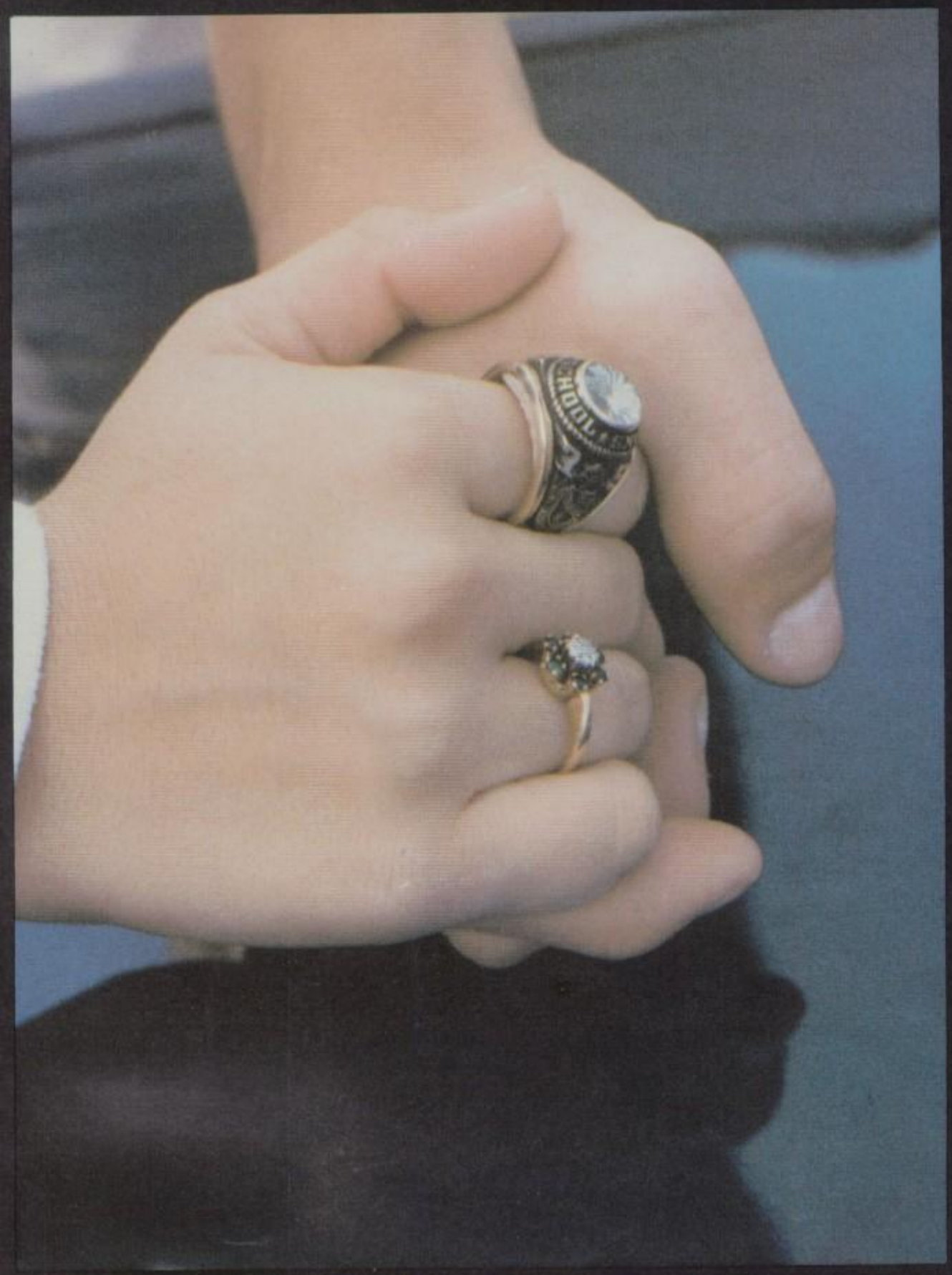
Through the many events of school, love and hate mixed. Love came naturally whereas hate was not easily attained. Although love outweighed hate, both were integral parts of school life.

Love was witnessed everyday, Mothers kissed their children goodbye at the school steps. Boys and girls walked down the halls hand-in-hand. Best friends were always ready to defend one another. Teachers remained after the final bell to give students extra help and attention. The Booster Club traveled to New Orleans to support the football team in the state semi-finals.

Yet hate was always present. Sinks were torn from bathroom walls; rules of sportsmanship were often ignored during athletic events. Insults echoed across the parking lot.

Love was spontaneous; hate was incited. However, their combination was part of the foundation upon which River Oaks grew.

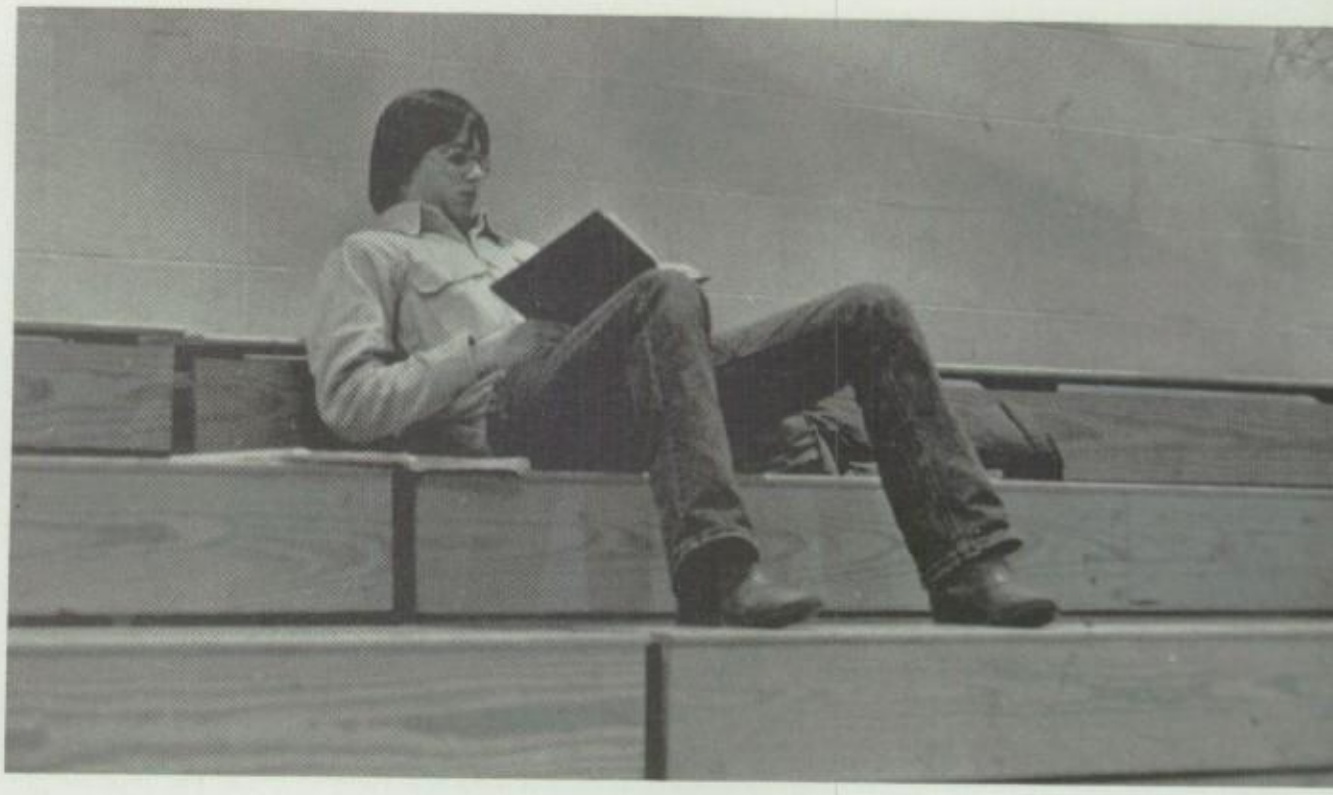


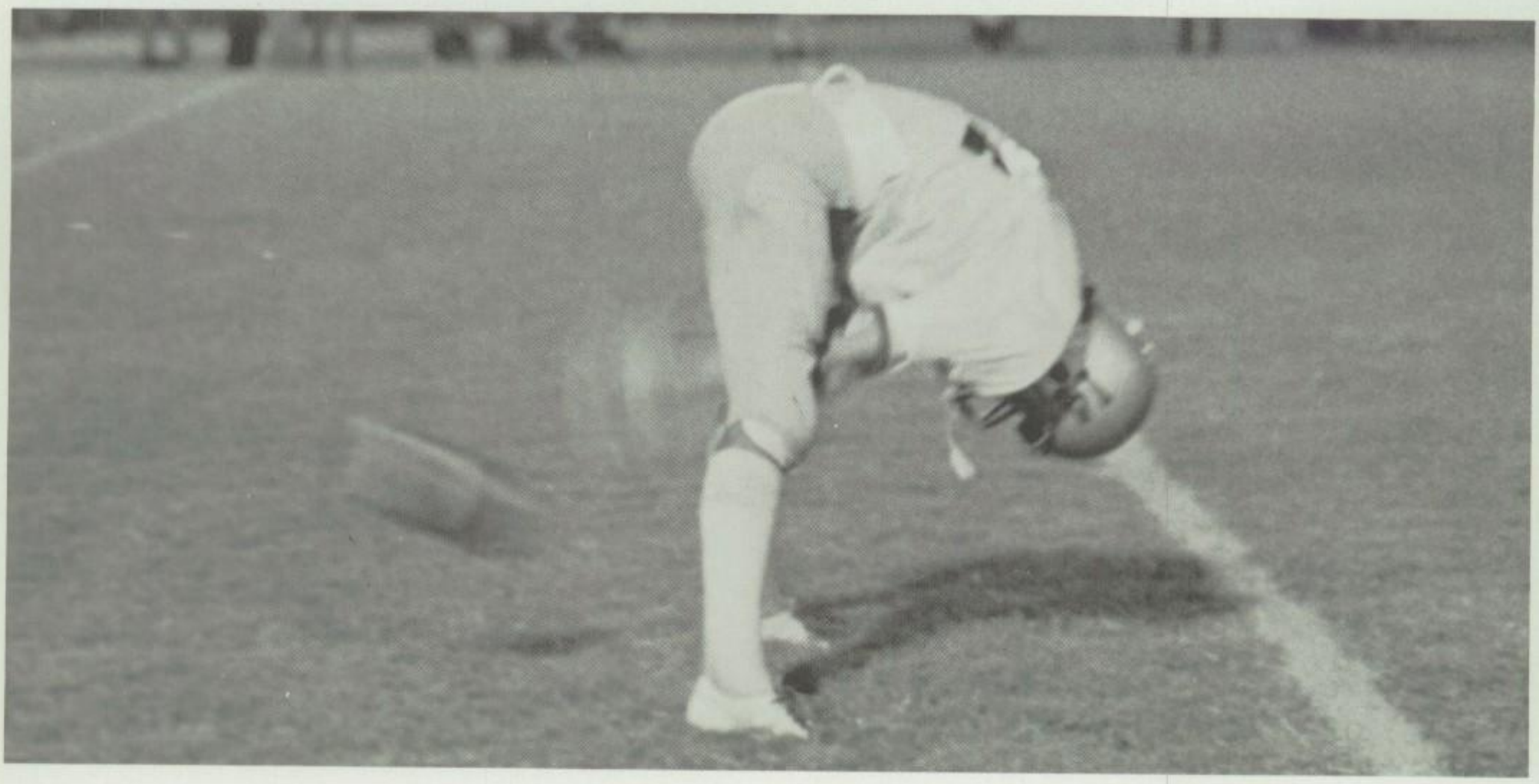


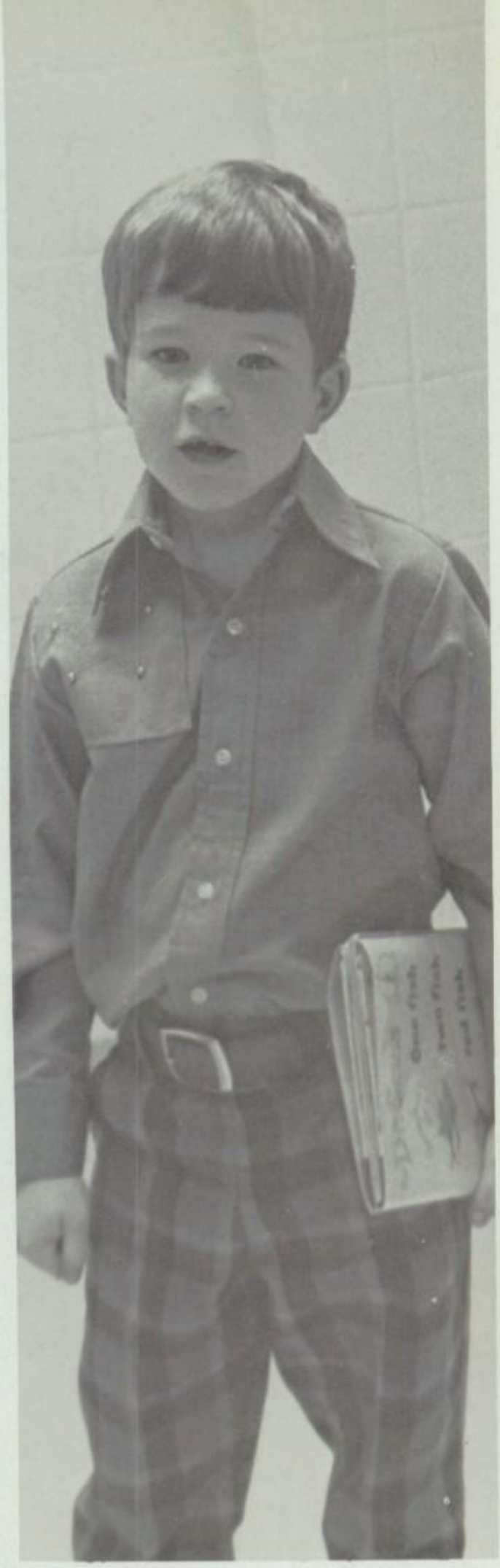
A time to be early, A time to be late. . .

Daily students faced being early or being late; each had its ups and downs. To be early meant sitting in the cafetorium, left to complete belated homework or just to think. Usually finishing a test early entitled a student to ponder his mistakes, an act which was not always pleasant. A center hiked the ball too early, and the team failed to gain the fourth down.

Of course, being late was another matter. Naturally, a student felt excitement as he rushed to beat the bell. While waiting in the office for an admit, the student experienced apprehensive feelings. Being late also had a good side as last minute goodbyes to friends were worth the being late.



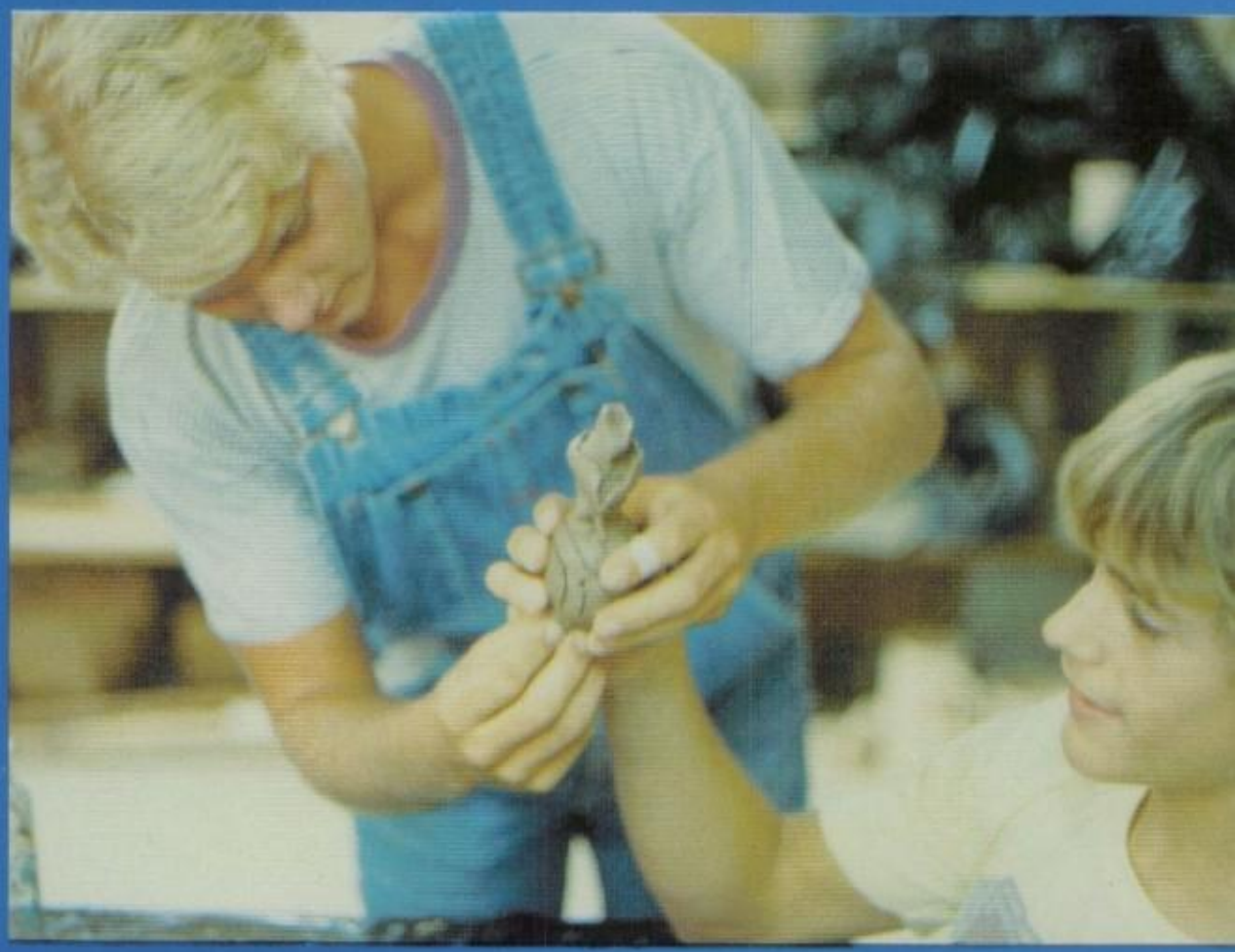


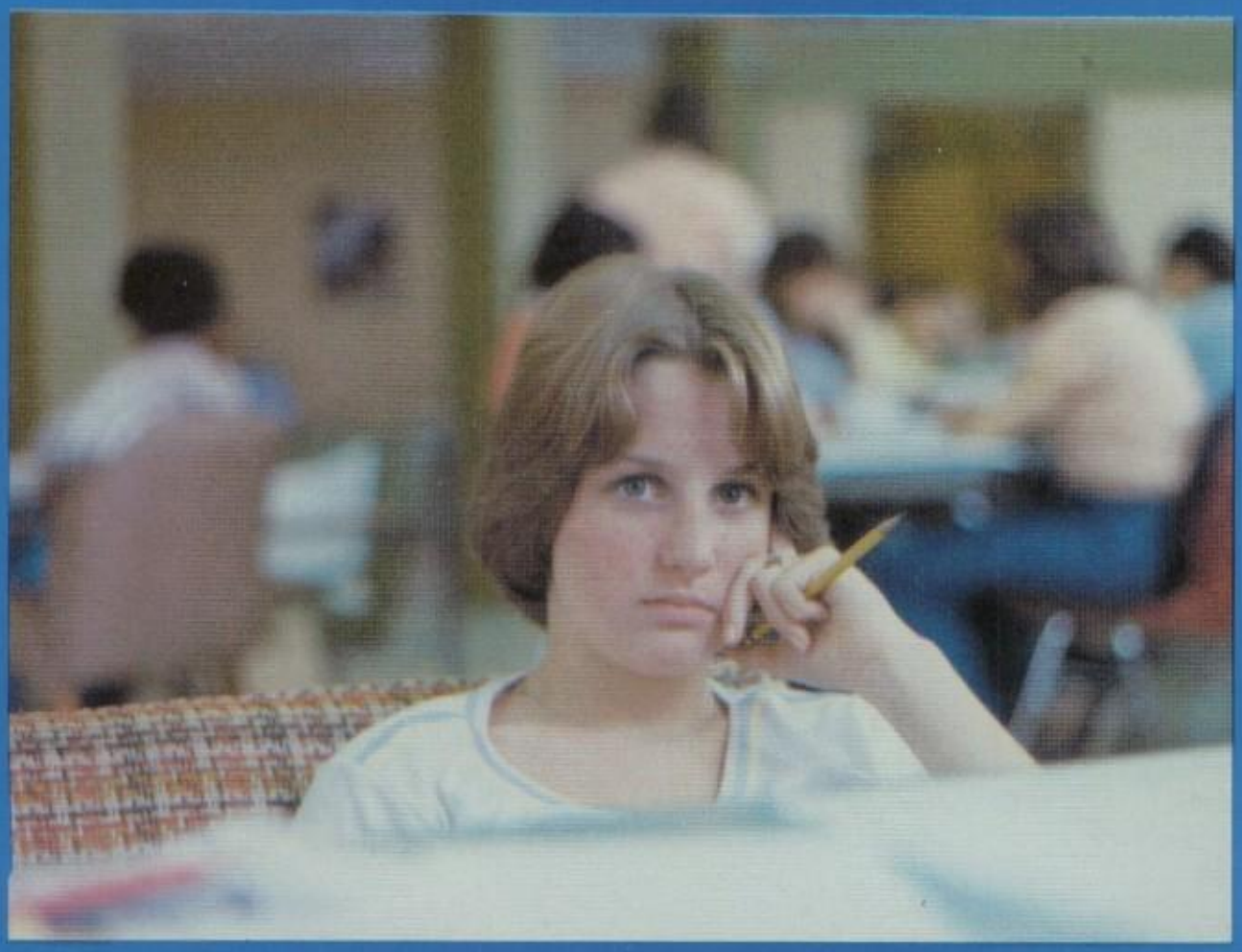


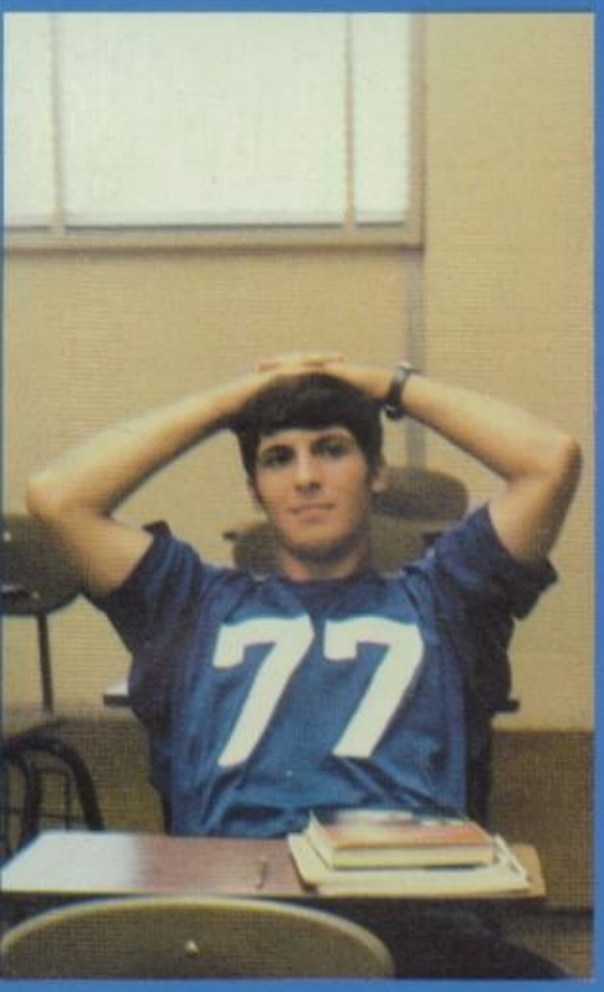
A time of friendship, A time to be alone. . .

Showing respect, loyalty, and especially love toward fellow students, a River Oaks student valued friendship. The smallness and uniqueness of the school provided an adequate environment for making friends. The laughter of friends at break, the closeness of teammates, saving seats in the cafetorium, sneaking behind the building during lunch, and listening in a time of need were all evidences of the friendship that was prevalent.

Equally as important as friendship but serving a different function was the time when one had to be alone. All RO students considered this a time of thought and reverence. Whether it was studying in the library, concentrating in a class, running on the track, or simply sitting down to think, aloneness was the time for each student to be with himself.



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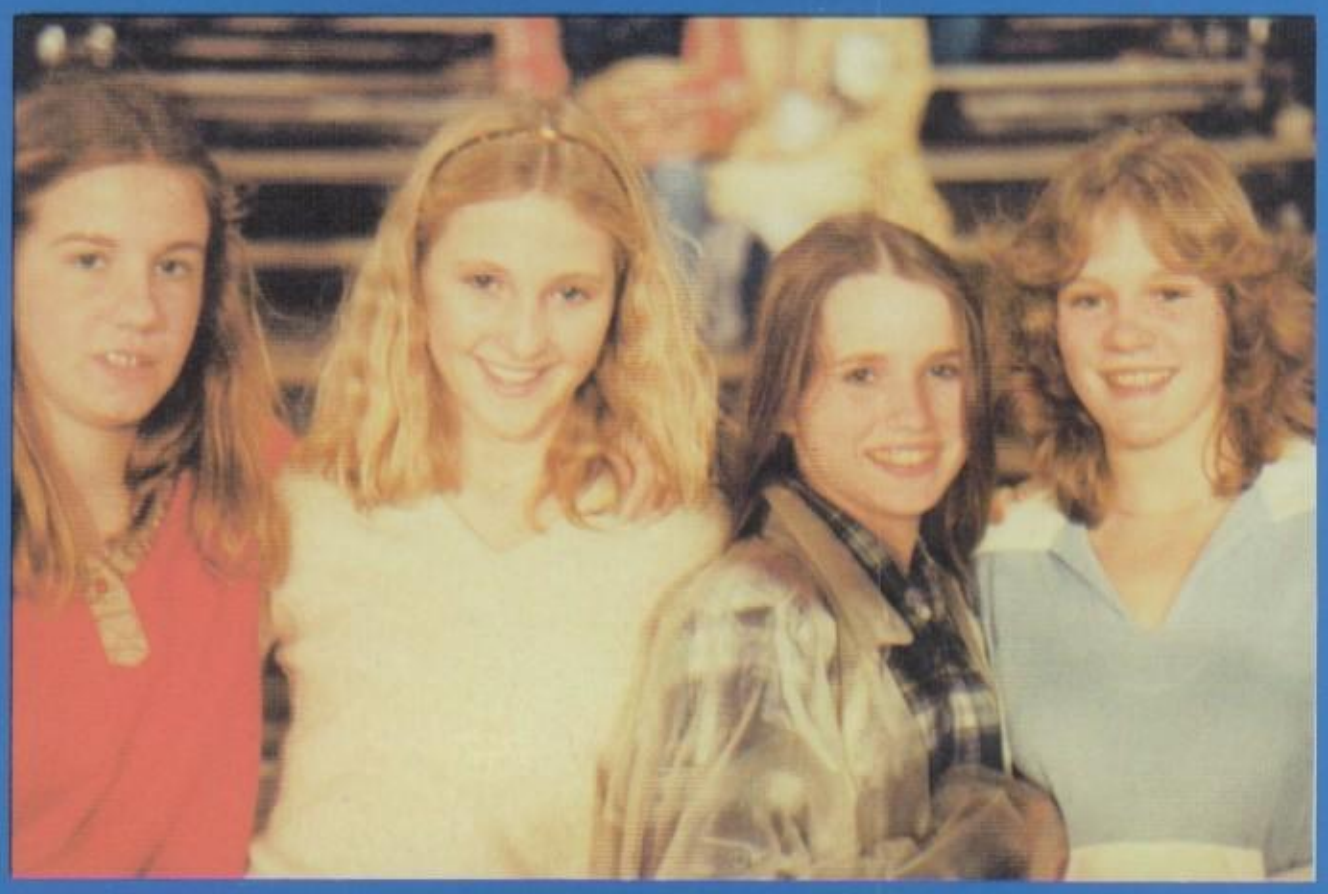

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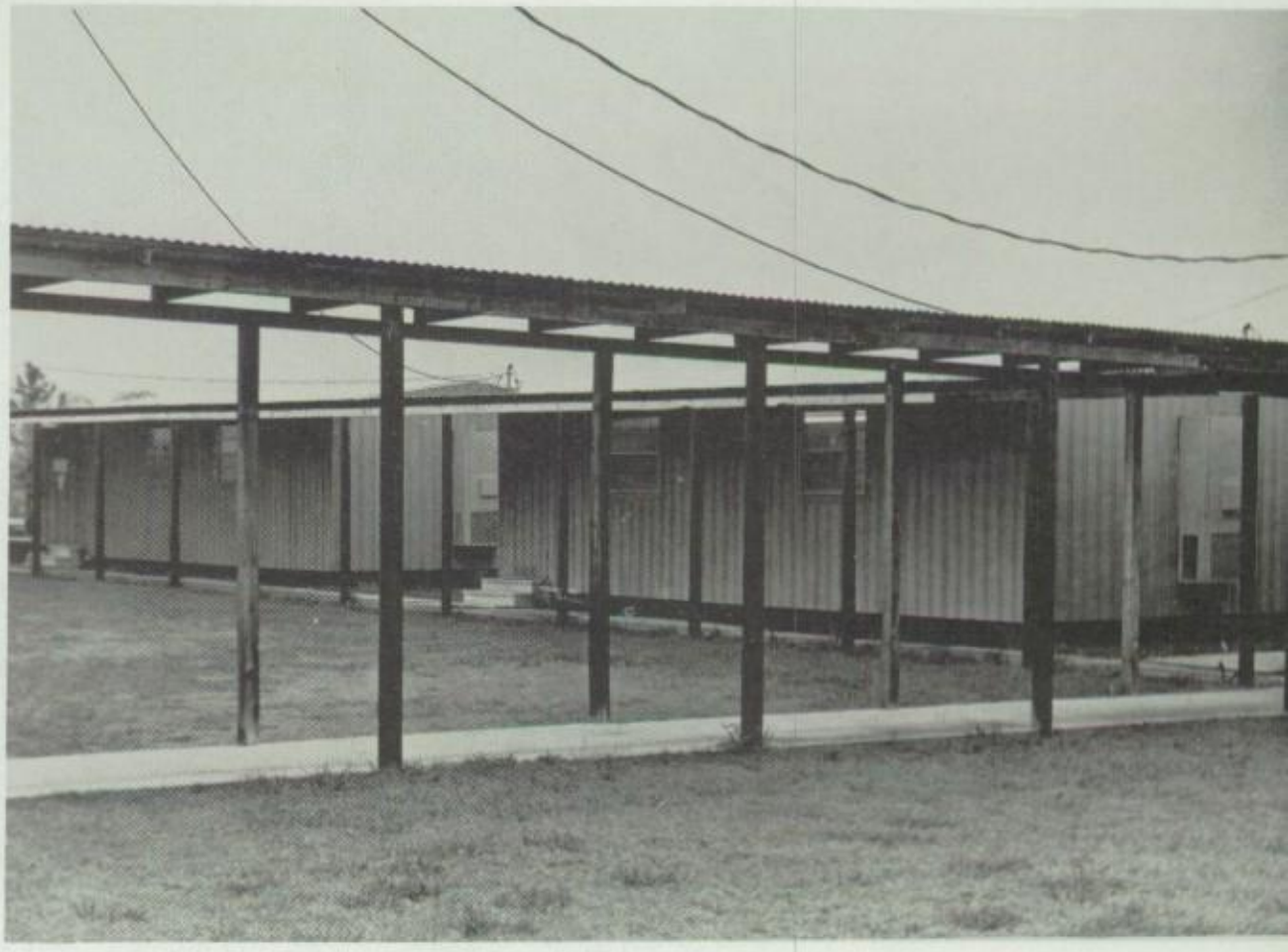
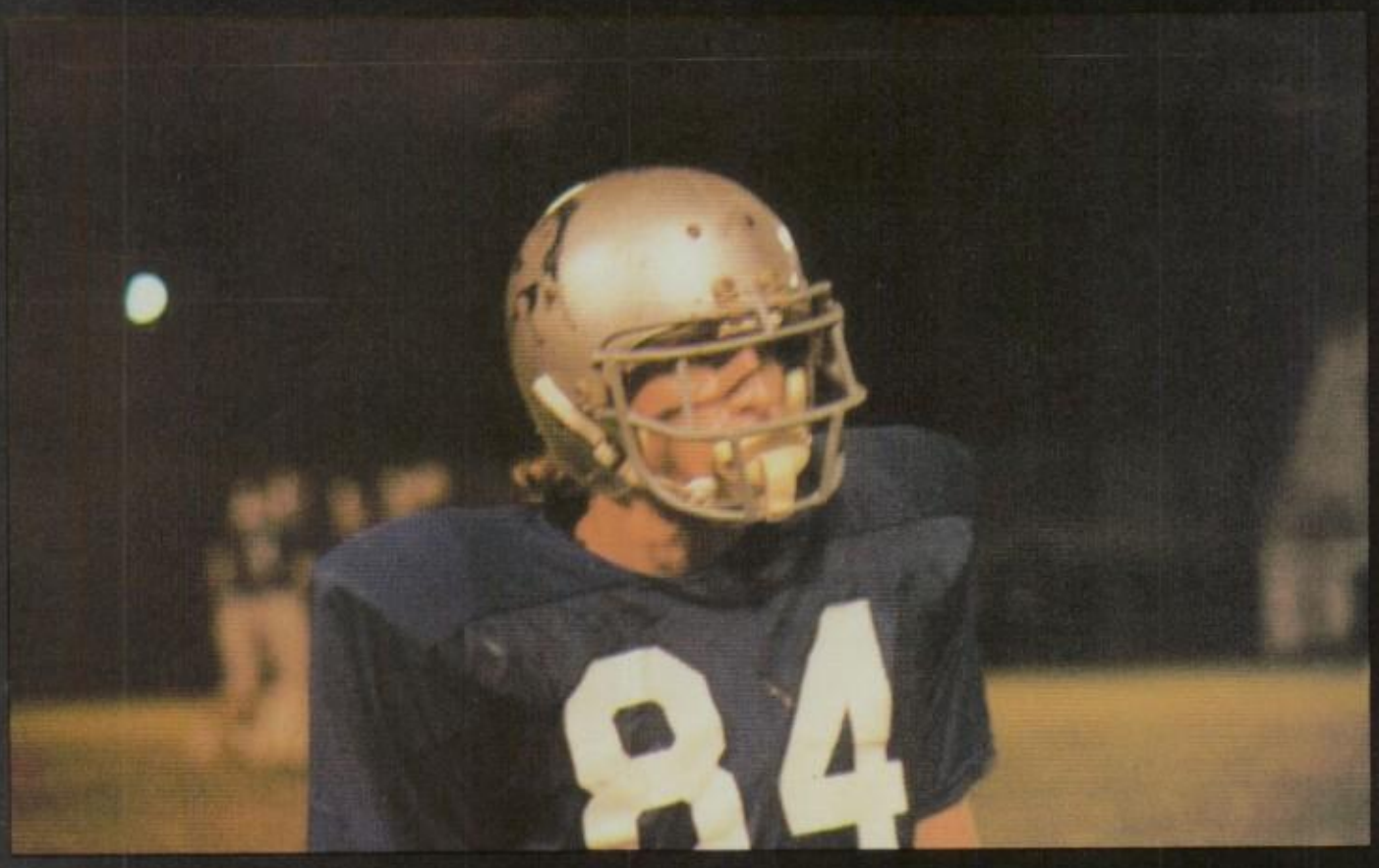
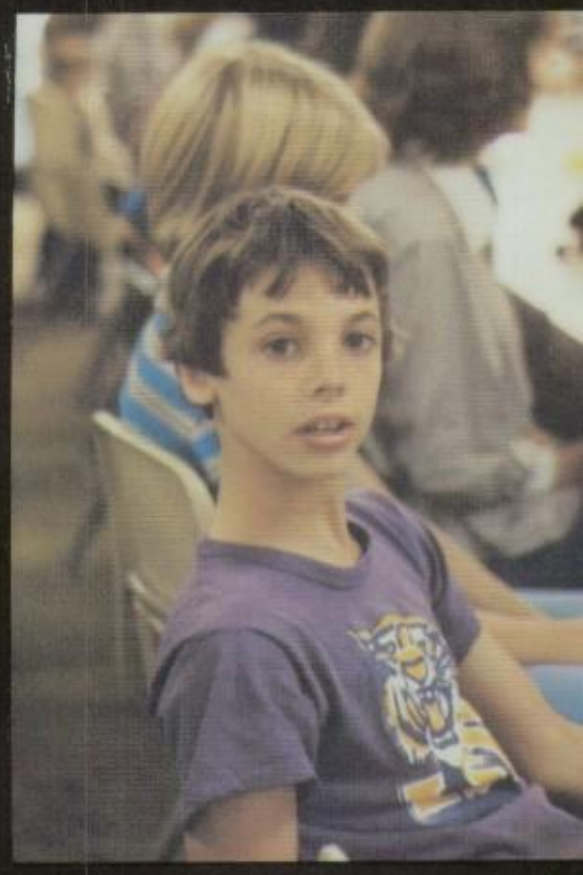


As all things have a beginning, River Oaks had its beginning in 1969. River Oaks planted its seed and grew spontaneously from a cluster of tin buildings with 118 students to three permanent structures accomodating 450 students. As the school progressed, it led statewide in both academics and athletics. Success became a way of life, not just a happening.

While students worked throughout the '79 school year, nostalgia often brought them back to their roots. The first 3rd grade class became the Seniors of 1979. Dr. Max Crowe left, replaced by Mr. B. J. Hammock. Entering River Oaks as children, graduates emerged as young men and women. Undeniably, River Oaks changed during its first ten years, but those changes were always in positive directions.





A time to be out, A time to be in. . .

"Out" meant many things in '79, from football players being taken out of a game to students getting out of class for lunch and assemblies. Both situations reflected different emotions. Usually the football player felt discouraged as he walked from the field, while the student out of class was vibrant.

"In" was a total variation. As the fall fashions came in, students dressed accordingly with much style. Styles of Dallas and New York were apparent when one walked down the halls. Spike heels, loafers, straight-leg pants, satin pants, and velour sweaters were just a few examples of the styles at RO. With fashion came the news. America's tragic economic situation was in the newspaper daily; the unexpected death of Golda Meir shocked the world. Also, students, as well as the entire country, felt the scare of the Jim Jones masacre in Guyana. Fashion, fads, and news were in and out in '79, but the memories of each were never forgotten.

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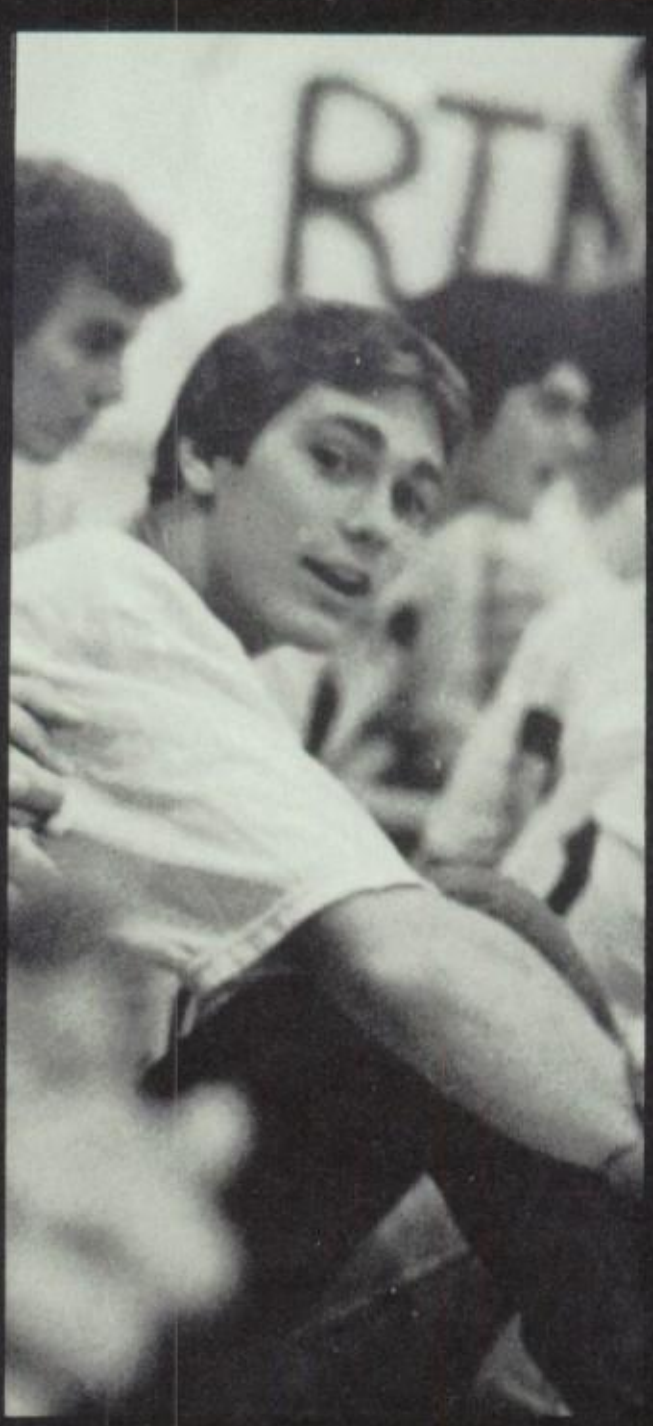
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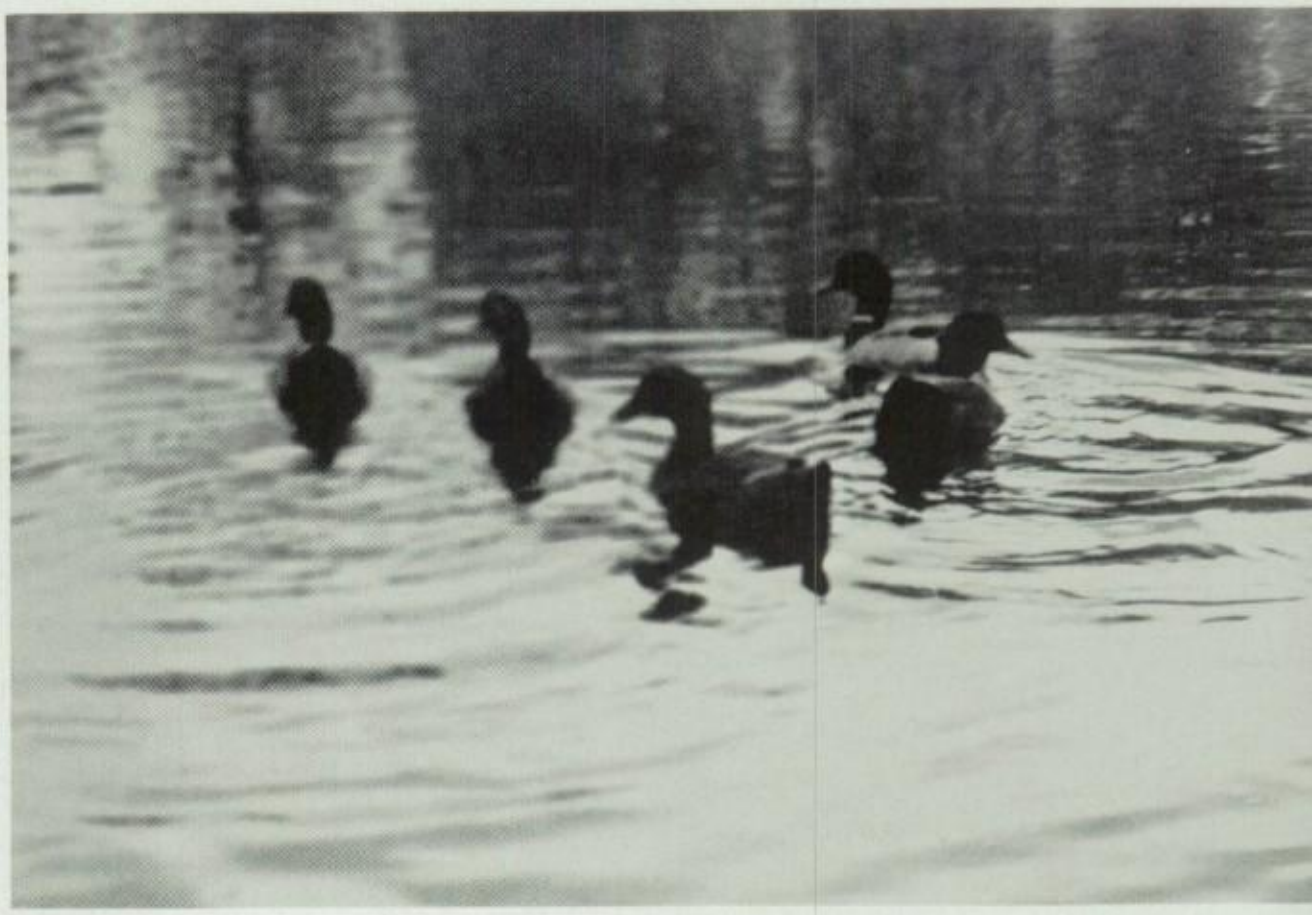
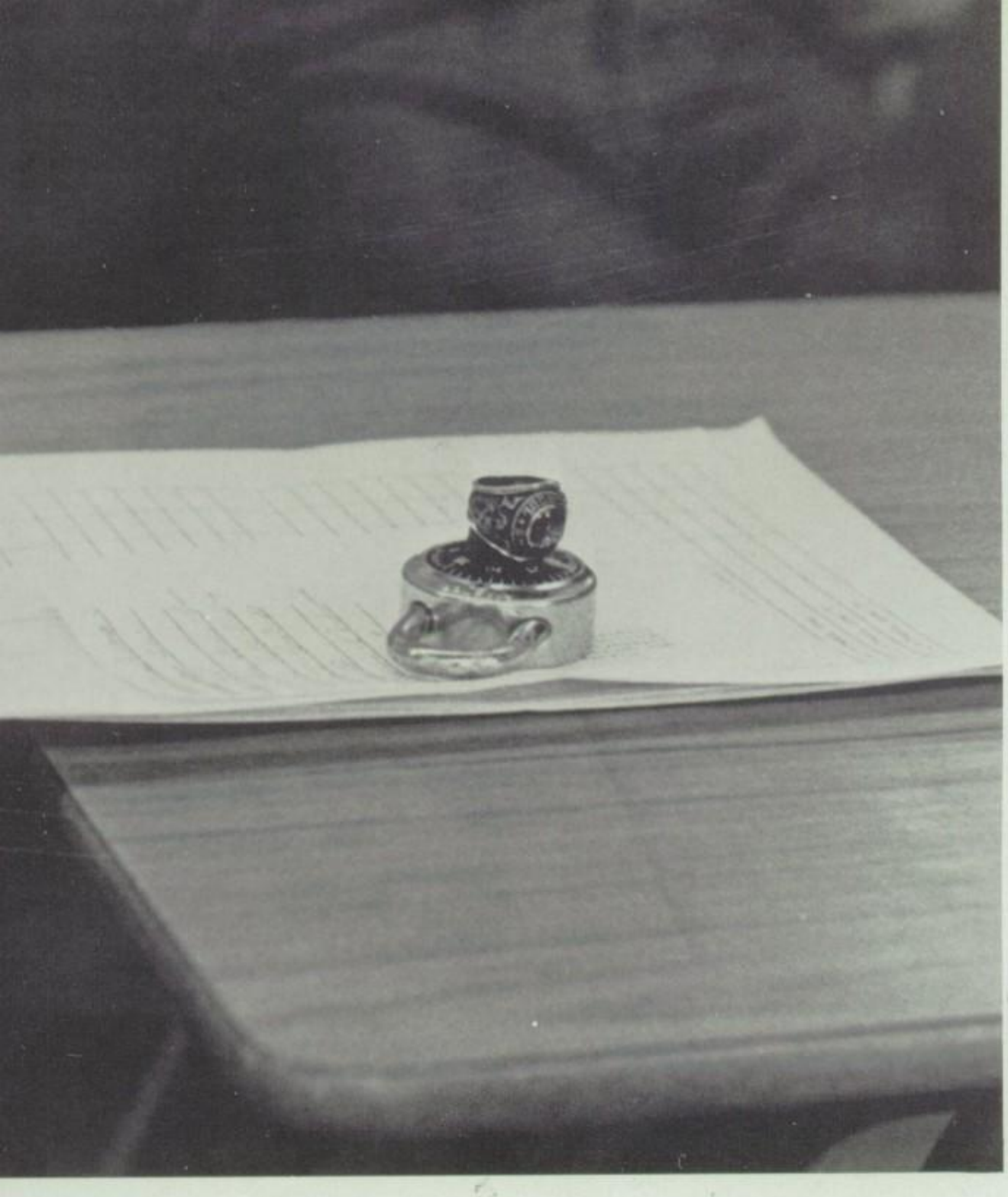
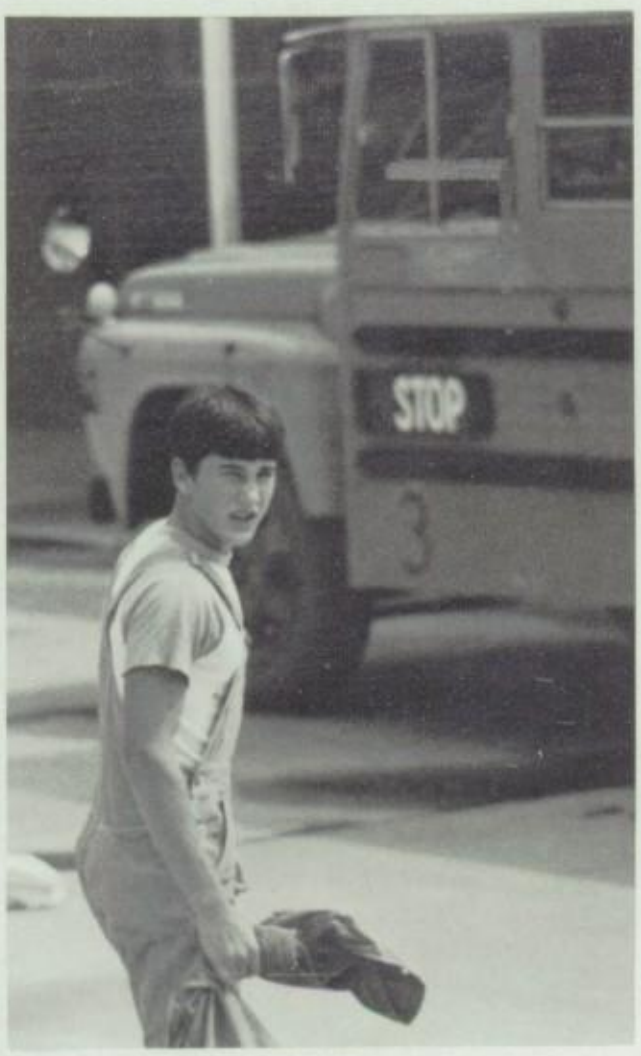
A Time To Come And A Time For All To Go . . .



Coming and going were two important words, appearing and reappearing. The utmost consideration in coming to River Oaks was pride as revealed through student-adultparticipation in academic and athletic programs. Each activity was characterized by a 100 per cent effort whether it was donations for decreasing the school's debt, construction of the football concession, travel to New Orleans for the semi-final state playoff game, or time given in tutoring or working at the different functions. Associated with coming was that all must go. When leaving RO, students took memories—rushing from the parking lot, leaving for the holidays, and graduating—the most emotional departure. Indeed, the '79 year saw students going to and returning from Caribbean cruises, ski trips, horse shows, athletic contests, literary rallies, and field trips. Short farewells and small talk were just a few examples of the atmosphere that kept students coming and going in 1979.

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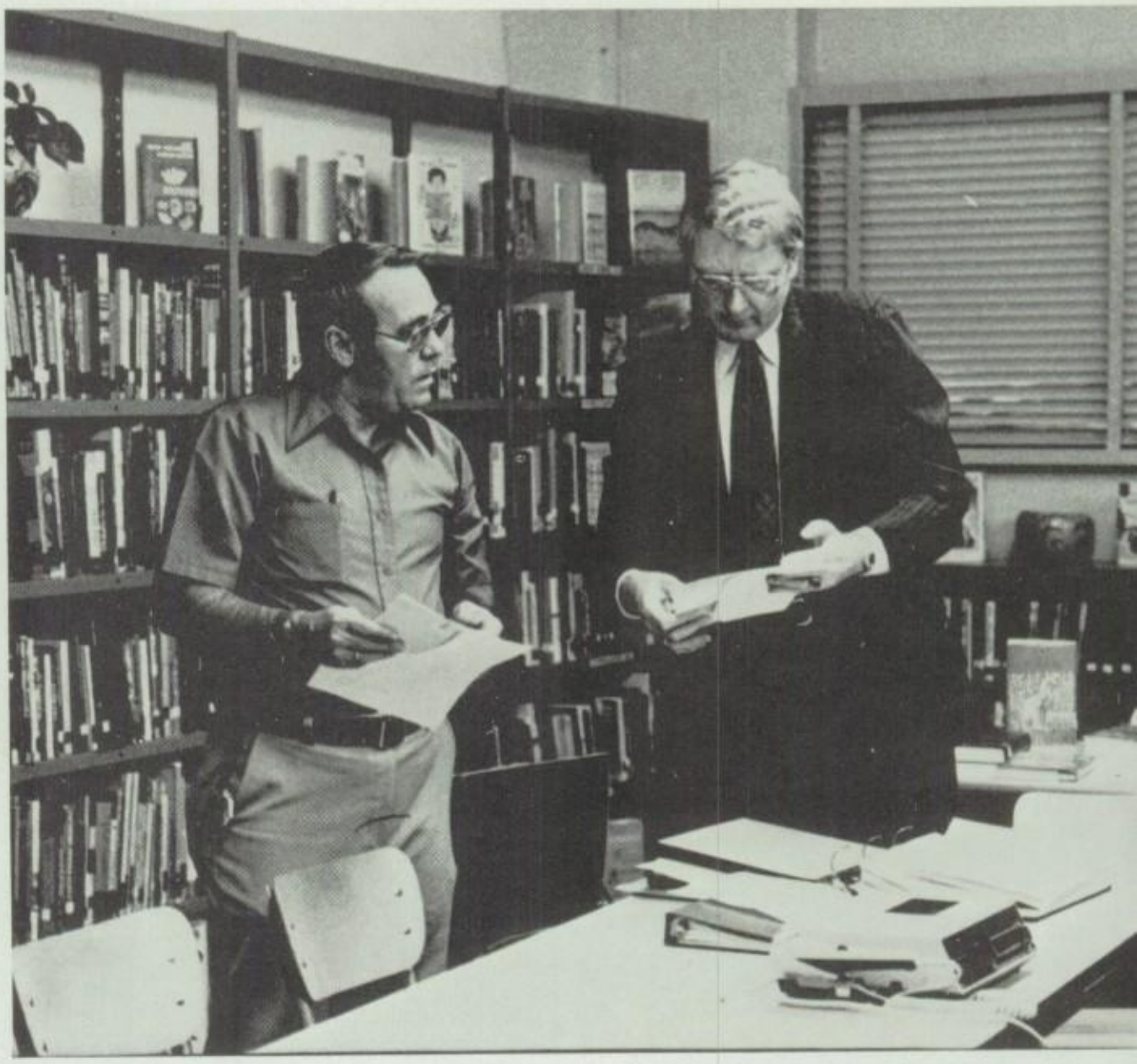
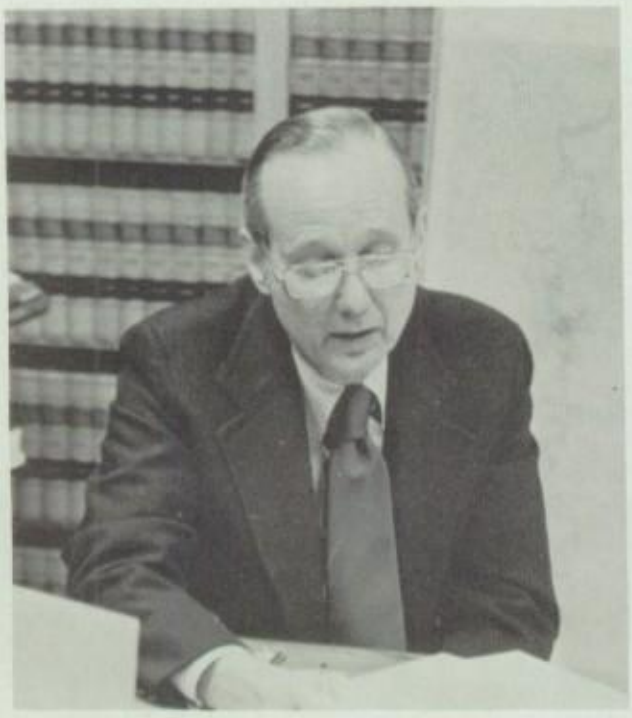
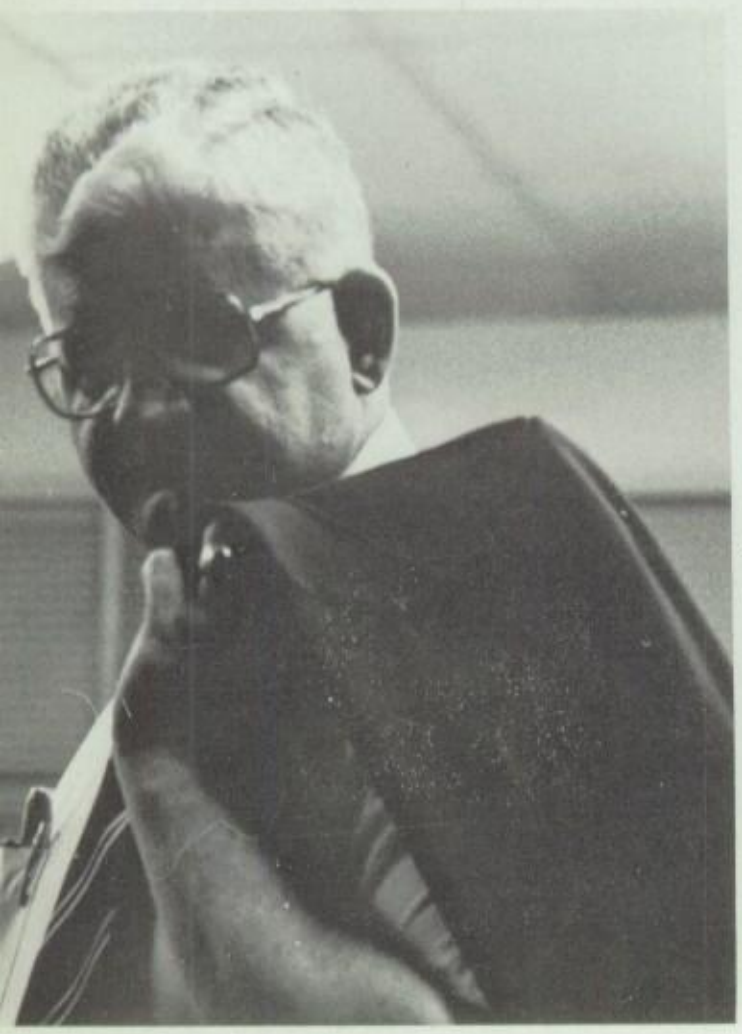
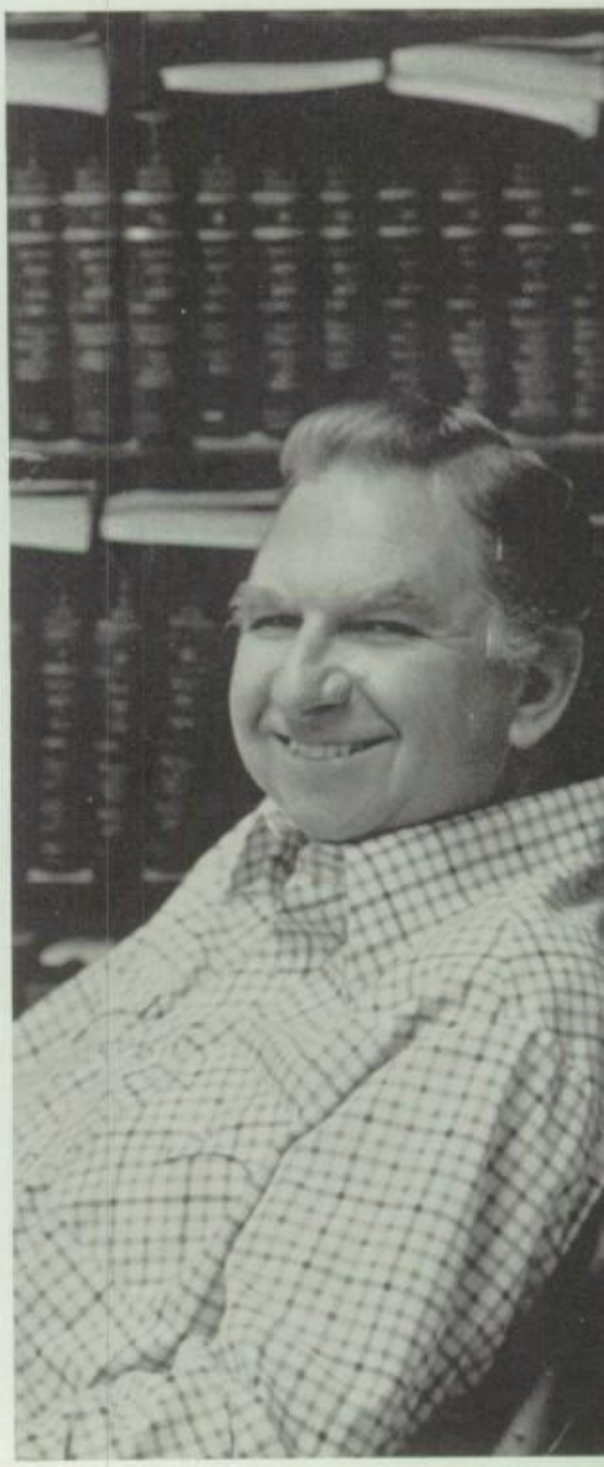
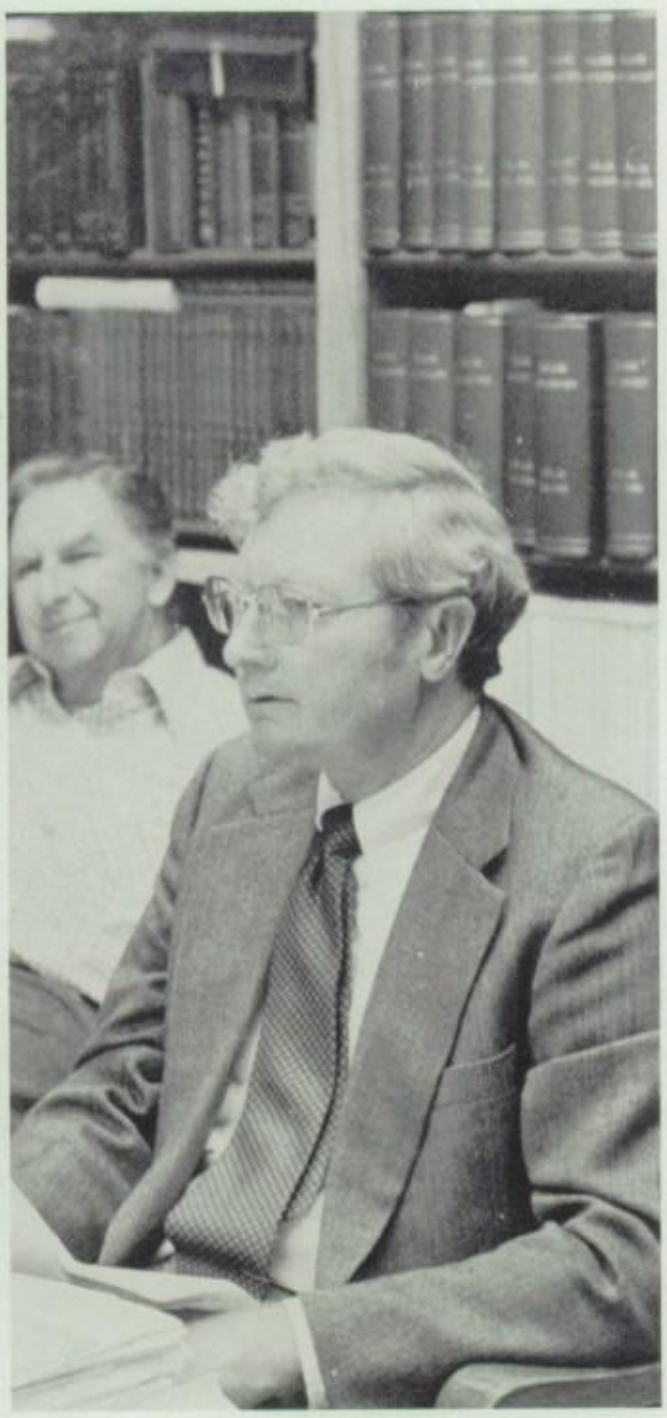








Directors Promote Excellence



1978-1979 was a busy year for the River Oaks Board of Directors. During the year the group made plans for a kindergarten to be added to the elementary curriculum for the coming year. Also, a successful drive to decrease the school's indebtedness was held. Officers of the Board of Trustees were Mr. Jack B. Files, president; Mr. John A. Watzek, vice-president; Mr. Lovell E. Hayden III, secretary; Mr. A. E. Montgomery, Jr., treasurer. Other members included Mr. William W. Buller, Dr. Daniel E. Dupree, Mrs. Peter A. Illing, Mr. Walter J. Pierron, Jr., Mrs. D. Ryan Sartor, Jr., Mr. Frank Spooner, Dr. Richard V. Vines, and Mrs. Eugene F. Worthen.

Opposite page—top left: Dr. Richard Vines listens intently to the speaker. Top right: Mr. Hammock and Jack Files compare notes. Middle left: Mr. A. E. Montgomery speaks to the other directors. Bottom middle: Dr. Dan Dupree listens to Mr. Montgomery. Bottom right: Mr. Lovell Hayden grins for the camera. Bottom left: Walter Pierron prepares for a board meeting. This page—top left: Frank Spooner attends board meeting. Top right: Mrs. Illing enjoys the conversation. Middle left: Mr. Bill Buller observes. Bottom left: Mrs. Judy Worthen checks over the minutes. Bottom right: Jack Files listens to the comments.

Mr. Hammock, Mr. McMakin Coordinate

Facing their second year together Mr. Hammock and Mr. McMakin joined forces again to guide students through another school year. Mr. Hammock returned to his little folk in the elementary while Mr. McMakin greeted the older students at the high school.

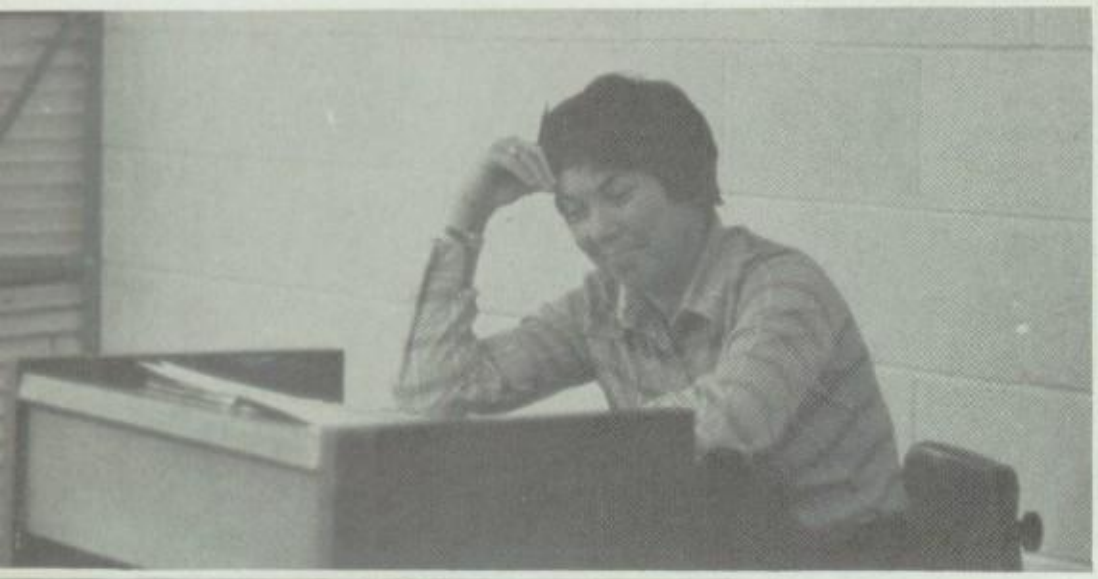
Mr. Hammock stayed busy scheduling classes, attending to the day-to-day affairs of the school, and performing his other duties as principal. On sunny afternoons he could be seen walking among the kids on the playground.

Continuing his policy of "spare the rod, spoil the child," Mr. McMakin kept his "administrative instruments" close at hand. During the lunch hour, Mr. "Mac" was occupied with chasing the senior boys away from the junior girls' tables.

This page—top: Mr. Mac and Mr. Hammock discuss school policy. Bottom: "What will I do next?" Opposite page—top left: Overseeing the playground, Mr. Hammock waits for everyone to return to the building. Top right: Mr. Mac wonders if parking violators can read. Bottom: At a monthly board meeting, Mr. Hammock proposes new course, and sits calmly behind his desk.

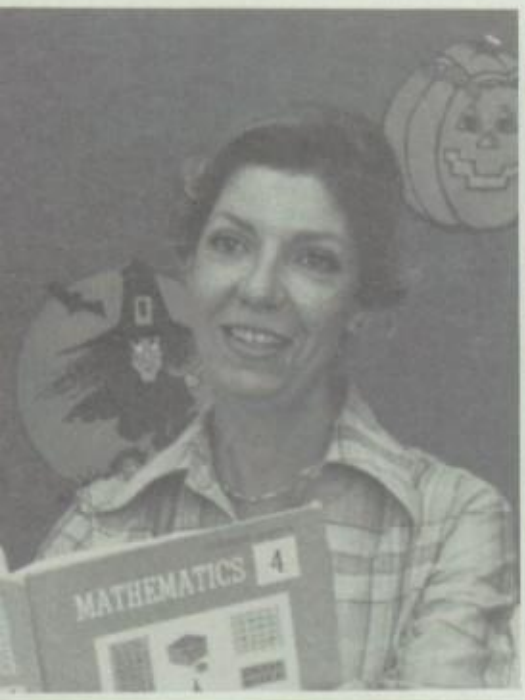
Faculty, Student, Parent Activities

Experienced RO Faculty Opens

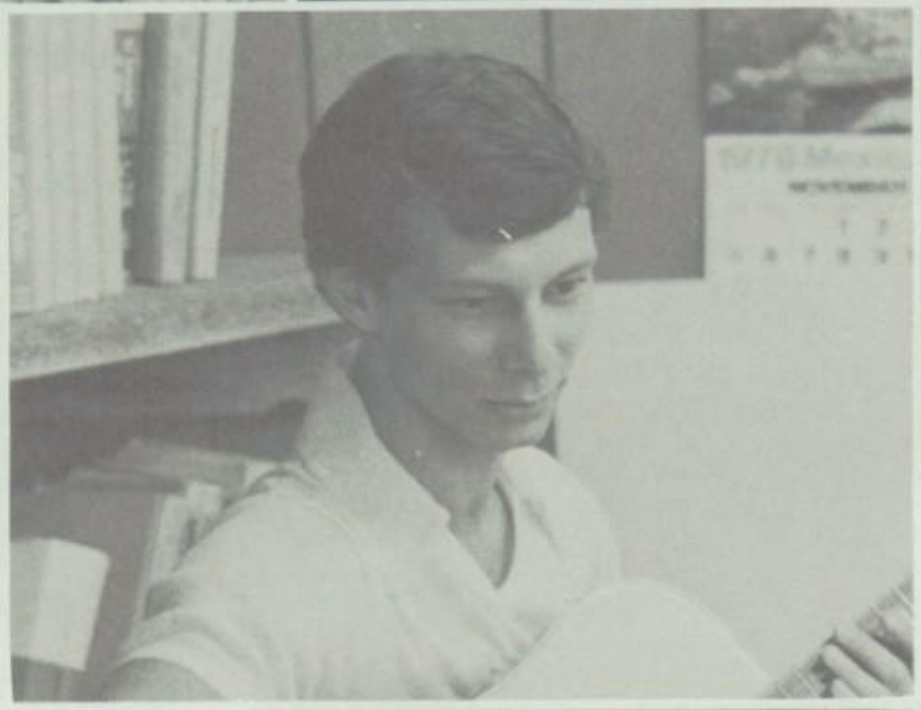


Mrs. Jeanette Ackel: 8th grade English, social studies. Mrs. Ellen Boatright: business, Business Club sponsor. Mrs. Rozel Arant: senior English. Mrs. Audrey Boggs: guidance counselor. Mr. John Brick: band. Mrs. Nellie Brantley: grade 3. Mrs. Merle Brennen: grade 4. Mrs. Joan Chardkoff: French, French Club sponsor. Mrs. Rachel Cruse: general science, crafts.

New Avenues Of Learning For Students

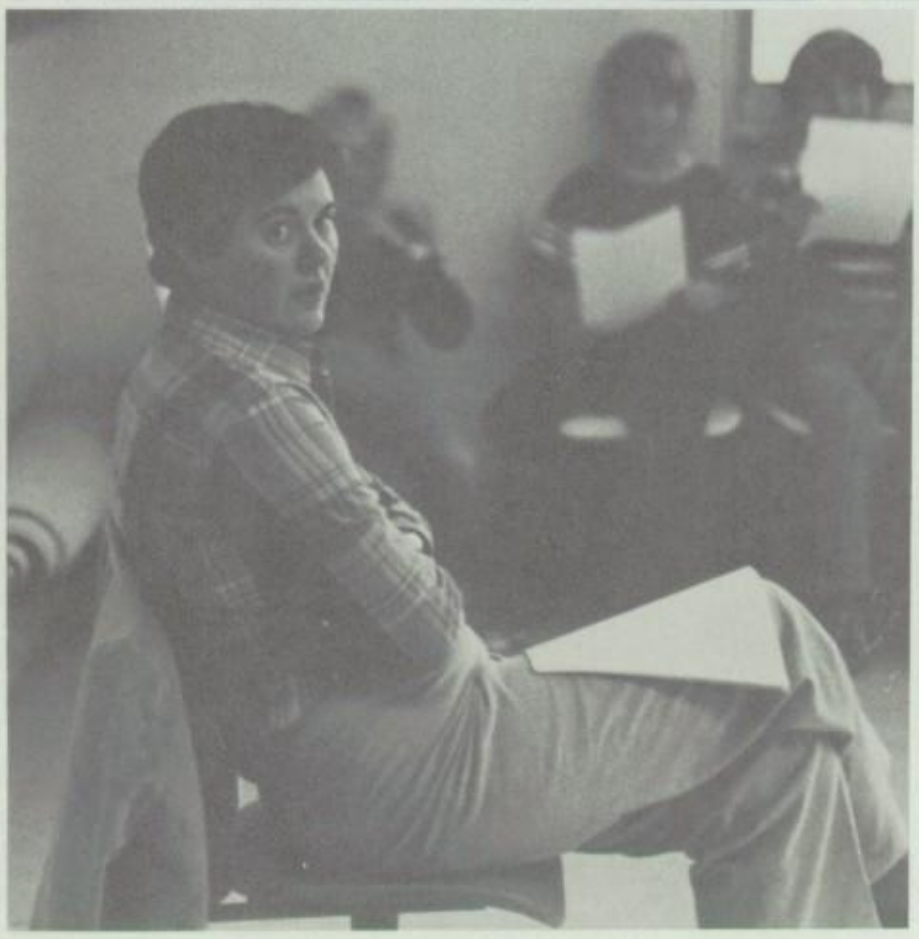


Mrs. Brenda Davis: grade 4. Mrs. Patrice Delcambre: English III, elementary librarian, senior sponsor. Mrs. Kathy Dent: art, Art Club sponsor. Mrs. Anita Fleming: senior math, Algebra II, advanced math, cheerleader sponsor. Mr. Walter Dunn: American history, world history, advanced social studies, Student Council sponsor. Mr. Jack Halperin: Spanish, Spanish Club sponsor, senior sponsor. Mrs. Harriet Futch: English II, free enterprise, research. Mrs. Sherry Brownell: 7th, 8th, and 9th grade math. Mr. Joe Cleveland: strings. Coach Steve Kamerman: boys' P. E., driver's education, varsity boys' basketball, baseball, Interact Club sponsor.



Teachers Make Parents' Night Informative, Successful

Mrs. Barbara Lassiter: 7th grade English, social studies, junior high cheerleader sponsor. Mrs. Kitty Kennedy: geometry, Algebra I, physics. Mrs. Ann McMickle: grade 6. Mrs. Sheila Milner: grade 2. Mrs. Charlotte Hurley, grade 5. Mrs. Marcia Standley: biology, chemistry. Miss Camile Hardy, girls' P. E., varsity girls' basketball and track coach, Rangerette sponsor. Mrs. Jane Stewart: grade 1. Mr. Monroe Stewart: janitor. Mrs. Ann Sumlin: grade 5.



Mrs. Lynn Rickett: 7th and 8th grade science. Mrs. Jo Ann Pipes: grade 6. Mrs. Frances Thrasher: speech, civics, Speech Club sponsor, Rangerette sponsor. Mrs. Peggy Underwood: developmental reading. Mrs. Donna Underwood: English I, journalism, composition, American novel, PONY EXPRESS and SILVER SPUR sponsor. Coach Glen Venator: boys' P. E., junior high football and track coach, Key Club sponsor. Mrs. Jean Vines: elementary French. Mrs. Beth Wooldridge: accountant. Mrs. Ruth Ward: librarian.

Senior Class Officers

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Woody Ledbetter
Vice-President
Kelly Hubenthal
Secretary-Treasurer
Edel Blanks

Junior Class Officers

President
Danelle Dupree
Vice-President
Julie Ellington
Secretary
Randy Pipes
Treasurer
Boyd Padgett

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President
Merion Spence
Vice-President
Shannon Spooner
Secretary
Elizabeth Edwards
Treasurer
Tom Hamaker

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Vice-President
Frederick Huenefeld
Secretary-Treasurer
Sarah Martin

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Beau Lewis
Vice-President
Van Tarver
Secretary
Susan Illing
Treasurer
Charles Whitaker

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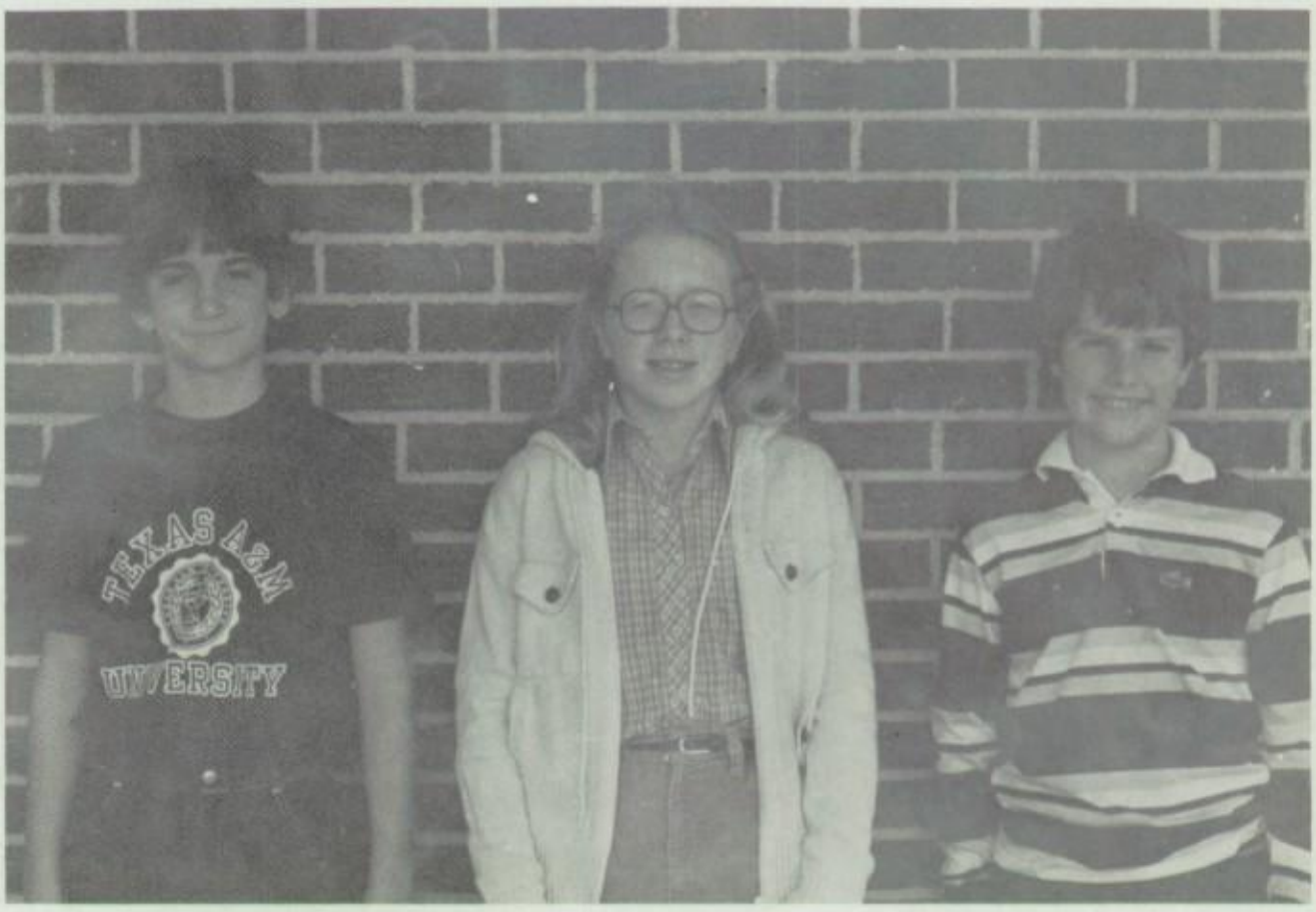


Seniors Rate Superior In

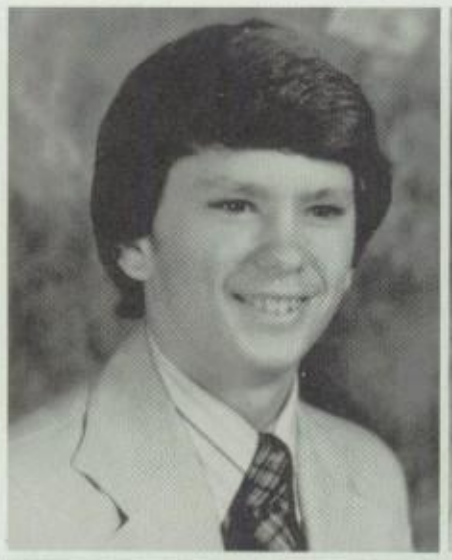
BRADLEY ADAIR: Yearbook Staff 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Interact Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club Party Chairman 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Most Valuable Player Football 3, 4; Honorable Mention Football 4; All-District Track 3; All-State Track 3; Honorable Mention All-District Baseball 4, All-Star football 79.
ORMOND ALTICK: Yearbook Staff 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Speech Club 3; Business Club 4; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2; Spanish Club Secretary 3; Art Club Treasurer 4; Speech Club Social Chairman 4.
EDEL BLANKS: LISA Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 1, 2, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2; Interact Club 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; DAR Good Citizen Award; President of Junior Class; Secretary-Treasurer of Senior Class; Honor Society President 4; State Champion Doubles in tennis 3; American Legion Award 4.

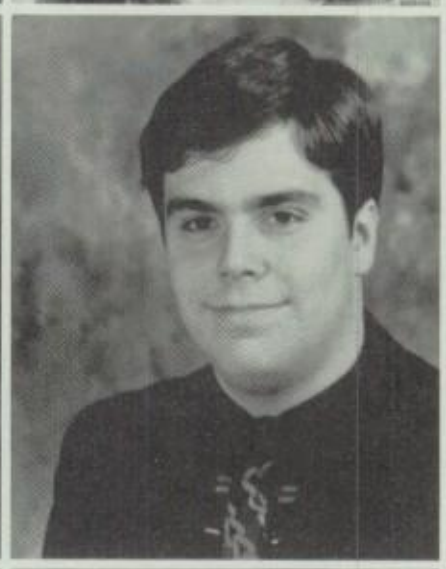
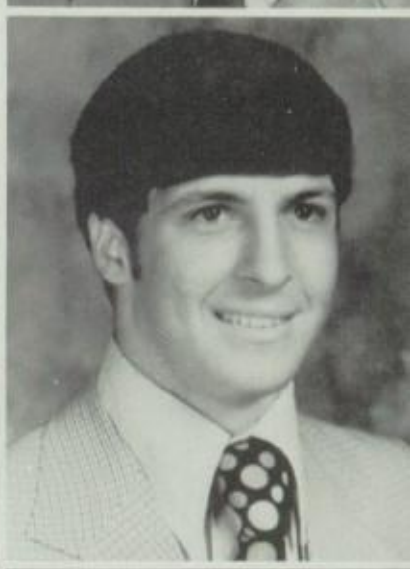
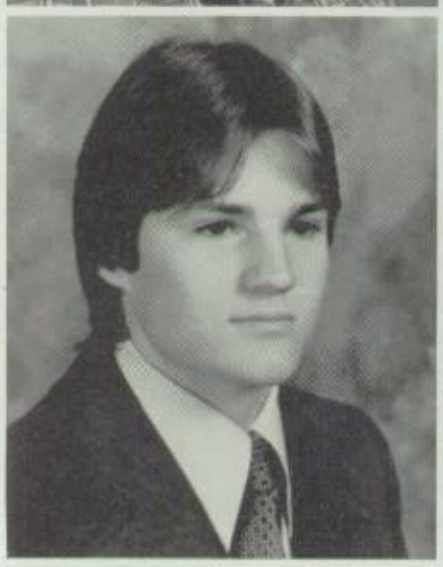
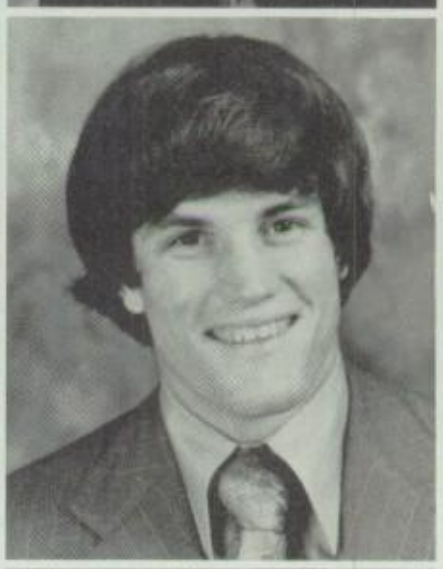
ELLEN COLE: Honor Society 3, 4; Sundance Kids 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Sundance Kids Captain 3; Spanish Club Secretary-treasurer 3; Organization's Editor of Silver Spur; Most Talented 4.
BILL COTTON: Charter member.
MARK DALLALIO: LISA Rally 3, 4; Tech Rally 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Key Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Student Council 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Most Spirited 4; All-District Football 4; Vice-President of Student Council 4; Spanish Club President 4; Scottish Rites Masonry Award 4.

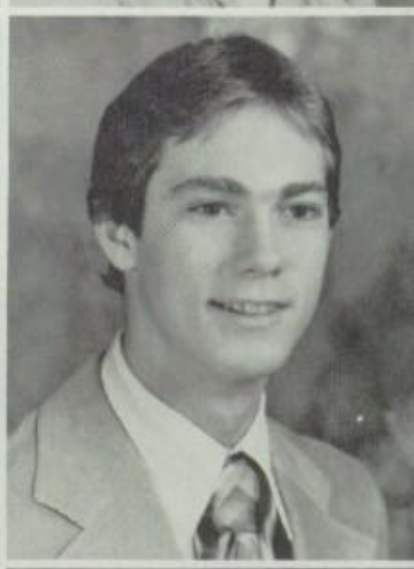
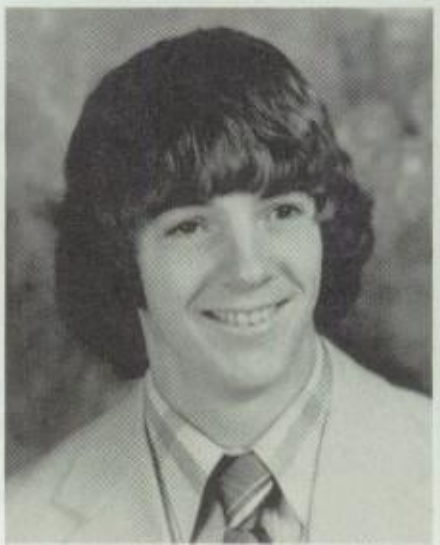
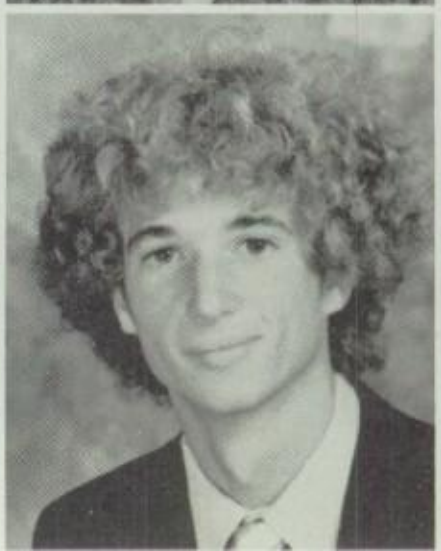
KEVIN EDWARDS: Speech Club 3; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4; Art Club 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
ROBBIE ELLINGTON: Football 3, 4; Business Club 4.
BETSY ELLIS: Charter Member; LISA Rally 2, 4; Tech Rally 2, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4.

RENEE GANNAWAY: Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 4; Interact Club Sweetheart 4; Business Club 3; Art Club 3, 4; French Club 3; Spanish Club 4; Student Council 4; Art Club treasurer 3.
JULIE GATES: Charter Member; Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club President 4; Basketball co-captain 4; Typist Editor 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Most Competitive Basketball 3; Most Outstanding Defense Basketball 4; Most Outstanding Track 2.
STEWART GENTRY: Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Handsome 4.

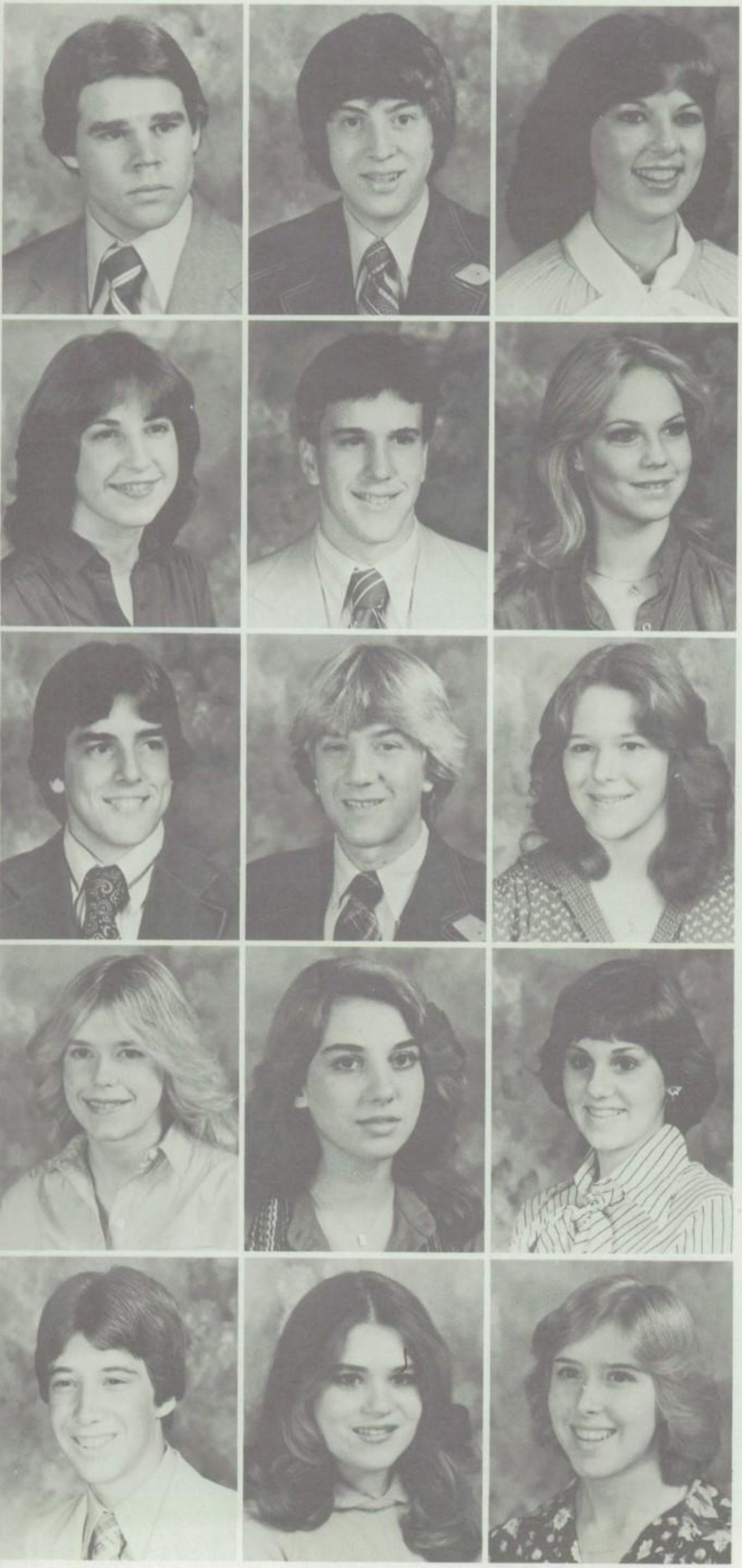
LARRY GILLEY: Interact 3, 4; Interact Club President; Art Club; Football 3, 4; Track 3, 4; All-District Track 3.
BROOKS HAMAKER: Basketball 2, 3; Golf 3; Tennis 1, 2; Interact 2, 3, 4; Speech Club 3; Baseball 4.
KATHY HEREFORD: LISA Rally 3; Tech Rally 3; Honor Society 3; Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 3; Band 2, 3; Speech Club 2; Art Club 4; Basketball 3; Track 2.



Both Academics And Athletics



KELLY HUBENTHAL: Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Key Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Captain of Football 4; Baseball 3; Spanish Club Sergeant-at-Arms 3; Senior Class Vice-president; Friendliest 4; North All Star's Football 4; All-District Football 4.

ROBERT KEELING: Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; LISA Honor Band 2, 3, 4; Charter Member; Outstanding Sr. High Musician.

NANCY KELSO: LISA Rally 4; Tech Rally 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club Social Chairman 4.

KERRY KILPATRICK: LISA Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Honor Student 1; Sundance Kids 3, 4; Business Club 1, 2, 3; French Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; French Club Secretary 3; Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist 3; National Merit Scholar.

WOODY LEDBETTER: Honor Society 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Speech Club 3; Key Club 4; Interact Club 1, 2; Art Club 2; French Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; French Club President 4; Most Valuable Field Man 1, 2, 3; All-District Track 2, 3; All-State Honorable Mention 3; All-Twin City Football 3; All-District Honorable Mention 3; Best Offensive Back 3; Basketball Captain 4; All-District Basketball 4; Football Captain 4; All-Twin City 4; All-District 4; A-1-State 4; Mr. River Oaks; Most Athletic 4.

KAREN LEDOUX: Cheerleader 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Pony Express Staff 3, 4; Speech Club 4; Business Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 2; Track 3; Head Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Senior Maid; Interact Sweetheart 3, 4; Beauty 4; Business Club Vice-president 4.

TODD MAHAFFEY: Charter Member; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3.

MICKEY MASUR: LISA Rally 2, 4; Tech Rally 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Honor Student 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Key Club 1; Interact Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Spanish Club Treasurer 3; Basketball 1; Track 2, 4; DAR American History Award; Senior History Award 4; Salutatorian.

BLANCHE MATTISON: LISA Rally 2; Honor Society 3, 4; Sundance Kids 3, 4; Speech Club 4; French Club 2, 3; Spanish Club 1.

LEAH MAYO: Honor Society 3, 4; Sundance Kids 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Pony Express Staff 3, 4; Business Club 3; Art Club 4; French Club 3, 4.

DAWN MICKEY: Interact Sweetheart 4; Business Club 2; French Club 1, 4; Spanish Club 4; Flag Corps 3.

LIZ MONTGOMERY: Honor Society 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Pony Express Staff 3, 4; Key Club Sweetheart 2, 4; Interact Club Sweetheart 3; Art Club 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Track 3; Art Club President 4; French Club Treasurer 3; French Club Party Chairman 4; Girls' State Delegate 3; Junior Maid; Homecoming Queen; American Legion Award; Pilot Club Service Award.

CHIP NORMAN: Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-State Golf qualifier.

TERRI ROSENBERG: Sundance Kids 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Pony Express Staff 4; Business Club 3; Art Club 3, 4; French Club 1, 2; Basketball 4; Track 4.

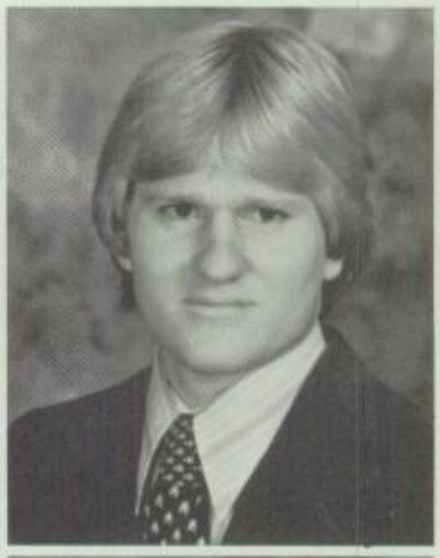
ELIZABETH SARTOR: I Charter Member; LISA Rally 4; Cheerleader 1, 3; Art Club 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Tennis 2, 3, 4.

'79 Boasts Largest Senior Class

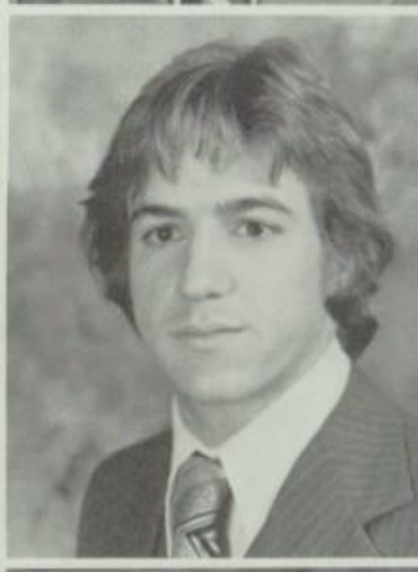
CATHERINE SHEMWELL: Honor Society 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Sundance Kids 3; Interact Club Sweetheart 4; Business Club 4; French Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; Track 3; Friendliest 4.
COLBY SHEPPARD: Band 1, 2, 3; Interact Club 1, 2, 3; Art Club 3.
JOE SIMPSON: Charter Member; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 4; Football 2; Youth Symphony; All-District Band Band 2, 3, 4; Band President 4; Band Vice-President 3.

BEVERLY SLOAN: LISA Rally 2, 3; Tech Rally 2, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; Business Club Secretary 4.
AIMEE SPENCE: Sundance Kids 3, 4; Pony Express Staff 3; Speech Club 3; Art Club 4; Business Club 3; French Club 4; Track 3, 4; Co-captain SDK 3, 4; Best Field Events Track 3, 4; Wittiest 4.
VERNON STEVENSON: Tech Rally 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Business Club 3, 4; Art Club 1, 3; French Club 1, 2.

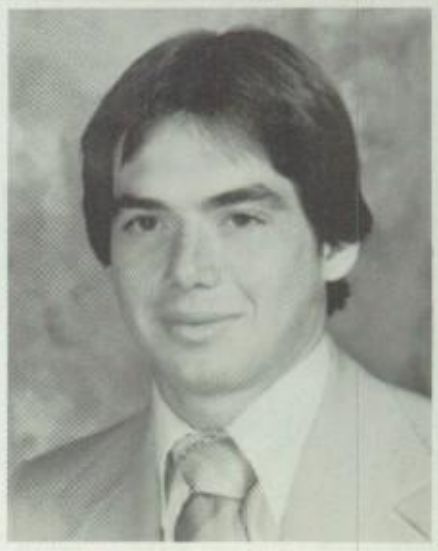
LEA THOMPSON: Charter Member; Honor Society 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Pony Express Staff 3, 4; Key Club Sweetheart 1, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club Party Chairman 3; Co-Captain Basketball 3, 4; Editor of Silver Spur 4; Tennis 4; Girls' State Delegate 3; Most Athletic 4; Most Valuable Player Basketball 3; Homecoming Maid 2.
WILLIAM TOSTEN: LISA Rally 2; Yearbook Staff 3; Sports Editor of Silver Spur 3; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4; Interact Club 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Speech Club Vice-President 3; Student Council Secretary-Treasurer 4; Key Club Vice-President 4.
TIM VINES: Wittiest 4; Football 3, 4; Basketball 3; Interact Club 3, 4; National Merit Semi-finalist.



LISA WEBSTER: Tech Rally 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Sundance Kids 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Speech Club 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Speech Club Treasurer 4; Basketball 1.
FORD WILLIAMS: LISA Rally 3, 4; Tech Rally 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Interact Club 1; Business Club 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Track 3; Monroe Youth Symphony 3, 4; All-State Band 3; All-State Orchestra 4; All-District Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club President 4; Key Club Secretary 3; Honor Society Secretary 4; LISA Band 2, 3, 4; Most Talented 4.
TIM WILLIAMS: LISA Rally 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Speech Club 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Student Council President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Walter J. Pierron, Sr. Science Award 4; Interact Club Vice-President 4.



JIMMY WOOLDRIDGE: Yearbook Staff 3; Pony Express Staff 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Interact Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2.
BOBBIE WYATT: LISA Rally 1, 2, 3, 4; Tech Rally 1, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Honor Student 1; Sundance Kids 2, 3, 4; Speech Club 4; Business Club 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Sundance Kids Co-captain 3; Sundance Kids Captain 4; Honor Society Treasurer 3; Speech Club President 4; Art Club Secretary 4; E. N. Jackson Memorial Math Award 4.



Class of '79

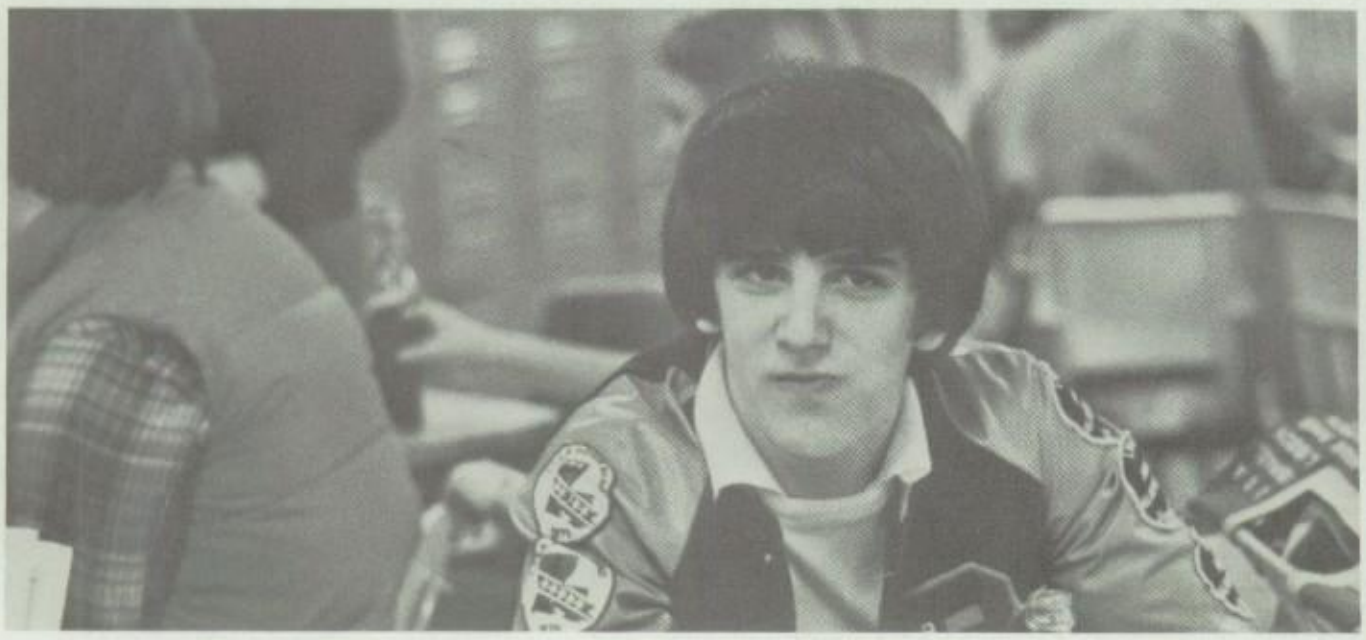
Juniors Take ACT Tests Fo

Brad Armintor
Bob Bell
Priscilla Brown
Leighanne Buller
Bobby Craighead
Tom Dansby

Danelle Dupree
Clare Durrett
Julie Ellington
Ann Files
Leslie Files
Cindy Fomby

Keith Gilley
Lynn Godfrey
Mark Gray
Gil Guerriero
Jeff Guerriero
Stewart Harrison

Cheryl Impson
Donald Jones
Walter Ligon
Mike Linzel
Marguerite Martin
Mignon Morse



Preparation for College Admittance

Boyd Padgett
Mike Page
Gwen Parker
Jackie Petrus
Clay Petrus
Fred Petty

Melanie Pierron
Randy Pipes
Ryan Sartor
Will Sartor
Ron Sloan
Ansel Smith

Bill Smith
Nat Smith
Vikki Southern
Mary Stewart
Terri Stewart
Margo Tennis

Libby Tirmenstein
Kyle Thrasher
Mary Walker
Jay Wallace
John Windsor
Eric Worthen

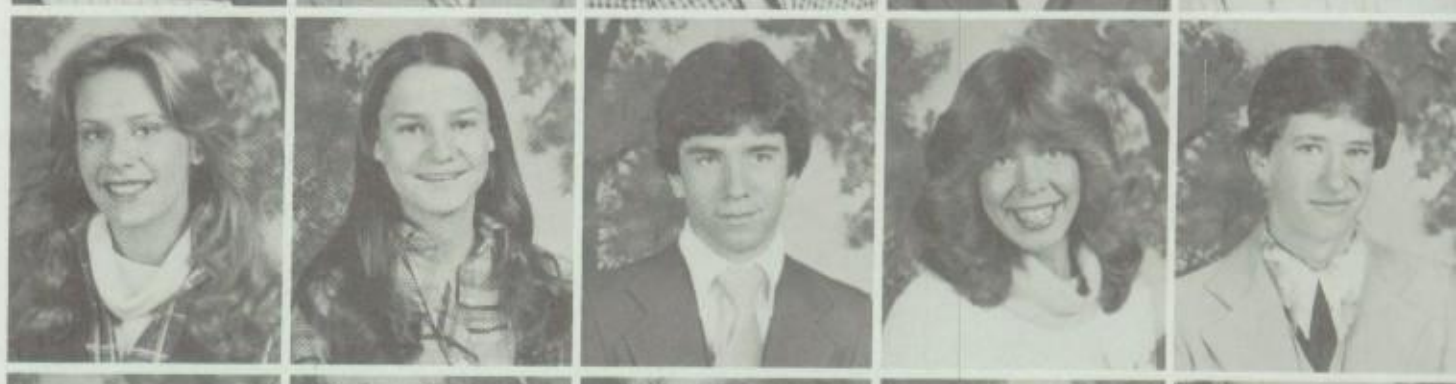
Missy Webb

Sophomores Survive World History

Kristen Anderson
Suzan Arnold
Norman Bagwell
Teresa Bingham
Jeff Borden

Joan Boyles
Scott Bradford
Stuart Brown
Todd Carter
Amanda Caskey

Alison Choate
Elizabeth Edwards
Stephen Gates
Kaye Guin
Tom Hamaker



Colleen Hammock
Paul Harrop
Curtis Houston
Lisa Illing
Lee Jenkins

Biology, Geometry, and English II

Nancy Lary
Katherine Lauve
Debbie Lowery
Ashley Mingledorff
Kim Norman

Ron Shemwell
Roy Shotwell
Shannon Spooner
Gay Southern
Merion Spence

Beth Stewart
Pete Trinca
Andrea Weaks
Kelly White
Rene Winegeart

Stephens Winters
Morgan Wyatt

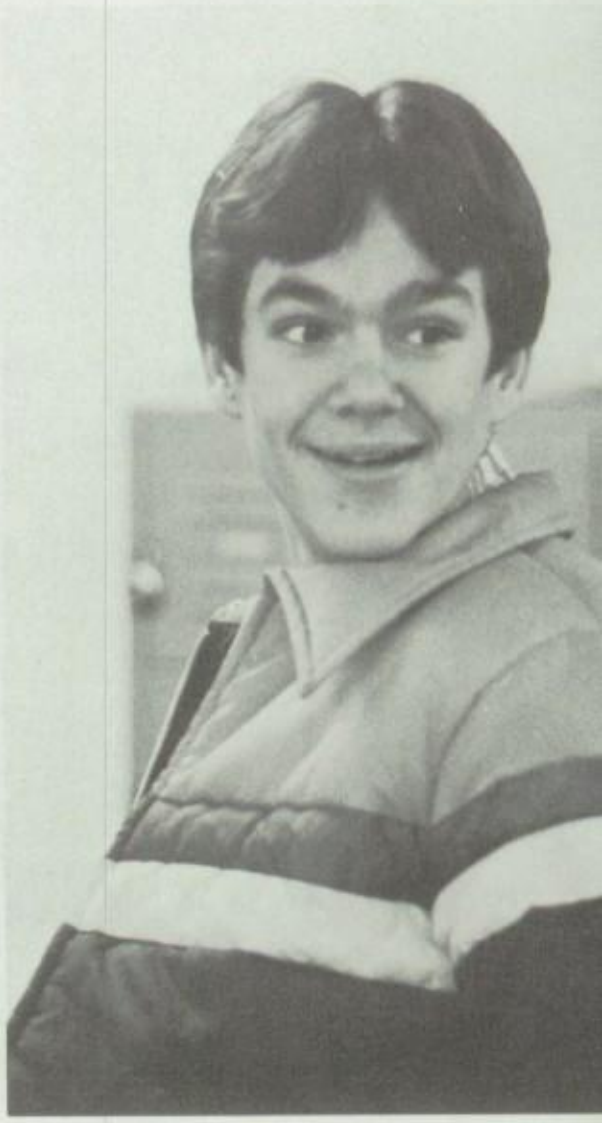
Freshmen Gain Valuable Experience

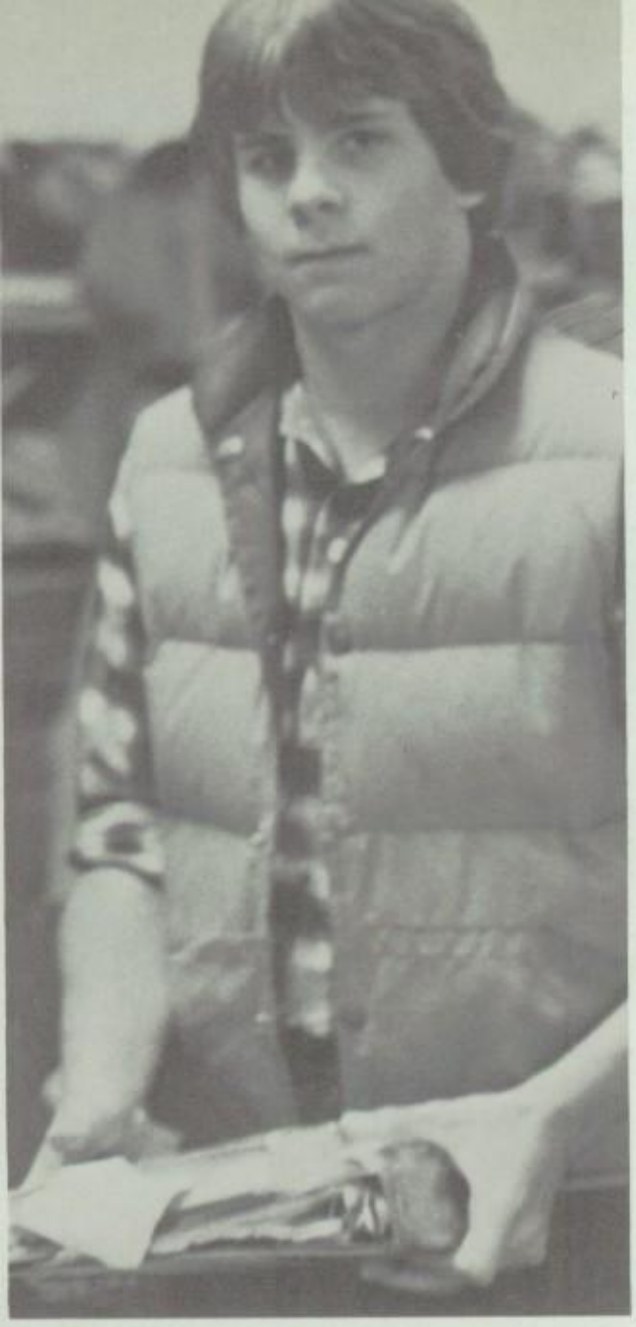
Kevin Adams
Michael Bennett
Jana Brockman
Brain Brown
Caroline Carter

Elise Davidson
Brenda Douglas
Cara Gates
Stephen Harrison
Martha Hayden

Ginger Hubenthal
Frederick Huenefeld
Elizabeth Johnston
Tim Kirchgessmer
Kendall Lanningham

Muffin Lauve
Beverly Lingle
Allison Lolley
Sarah Martin
Troy McCullen





Lindy McMickle
Jimmy Miller
Conrad Mingledorff
Shelley Mulhearn
Cole Padgett

Laura Petty
Krista Ray
Charles Rosamond
Coleman Rowland
Thomas Sartor

Wes Shafto
Polly Shotwell
Karen Smith
Henry Sneed
Mike Stinson

Rosemary Upshaw
Mauri Walker
Heather Woods

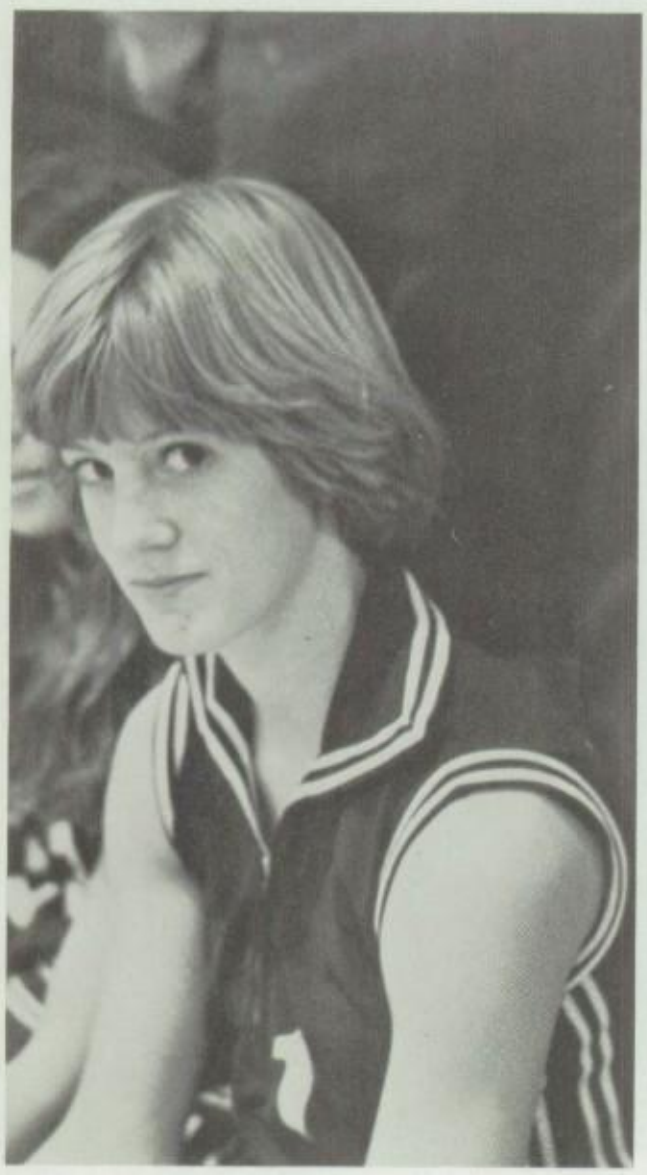
Eighth Graders Take First Plac

J. Altick
Brett Armintor
Jon Bradford
Harris Brown
Ann Burgoyne

Joey Cleveland
Blair Cudd
Dickie Culpepper
Michael Cummings
John Dimos

Russell Hogue
Rachel Huenefeld
Diana Gentry
Gretchen Guerriero
Ann Harrop

Susan Illing
Shirley Kusin
Beau Lewis
Shannon McCormick
Ruth Masur



In Homecoming Float Competition

Dee Dee Melton
Shep Montgomery
Cheryl Parker
Melissa Parker
Leith Parks

Allyson Ray
Robin Rivers
Walter Sartor
Clay Shemwell
Amy Stephens

Van Tarver
Ken Vines
Jim Wade
Amy Wallace
Ann Ware

Charles Whitaker
Colin Williams
Wendy Windsor
Lesley Winter
Eric Womack

Seventh Graders Enter First

Connie Altick
Jay Bassett
Sophia Blanks
Cindy Bradley
Sally Bunch
Jennifer Carlton

Courtney Cole
Jim Culpepper
Ron Cupples
Jay Davis
Harlan Dean
Sarah Eberle

Billy Ellis
Heather Fisher
Jimmy Fuller
Susan Gates
Justin Guerriero
David Hand

Tommy Jackson
Julie Johnson
Susie Keeling
Monica Keys
Robin Kilpatrick
Amy King

Doug Kirchgessner
Jessica Kleppinger
Clay Lassiter
Julie Laudenheimer
Joby Ledoux
Monty Luffey

Science Fair Competition

Jack McCants
Denise McCarty
Christine Martin
Johnny Miller
Carter Mills
John Mitchell

Doug Norman
Gus Petersen
Leslie Petrus
Scott Phillips
Thad Ryan
Edward Seymour

Neville Shafto
Chris Smith
George Snellings;Jennifer Stephens
Rob Stewart
Tonya Stewart

Clint Thompson
Leslie Trinca
Lisa Turpin
David Vines
Carlton Wade
Jon Ward

Chardelle Weaks
Davy West
Todd Williamson

Sixth Graders Enjoy Greek Day

Laura Anderson
Anne Birdsong
Mary Blackmon
Patrick Booker
Wes Brockman

Hallie Cleveland
Jaime Cook
Nancy Files
Lewis Harrison
Mike Hightower

Heather Huey
Robin Irwin
Allison Jones
Debbie Keeling
Trey Kelso

Report on Different Nationalities

Stewart McMickle
Wesley Pipes
Michael Smith
Lee Stephens
Paul Tennis

Kim Thrasher
Kristin Trinca
Brian Turner
Amanda Winters
Caroline Winters

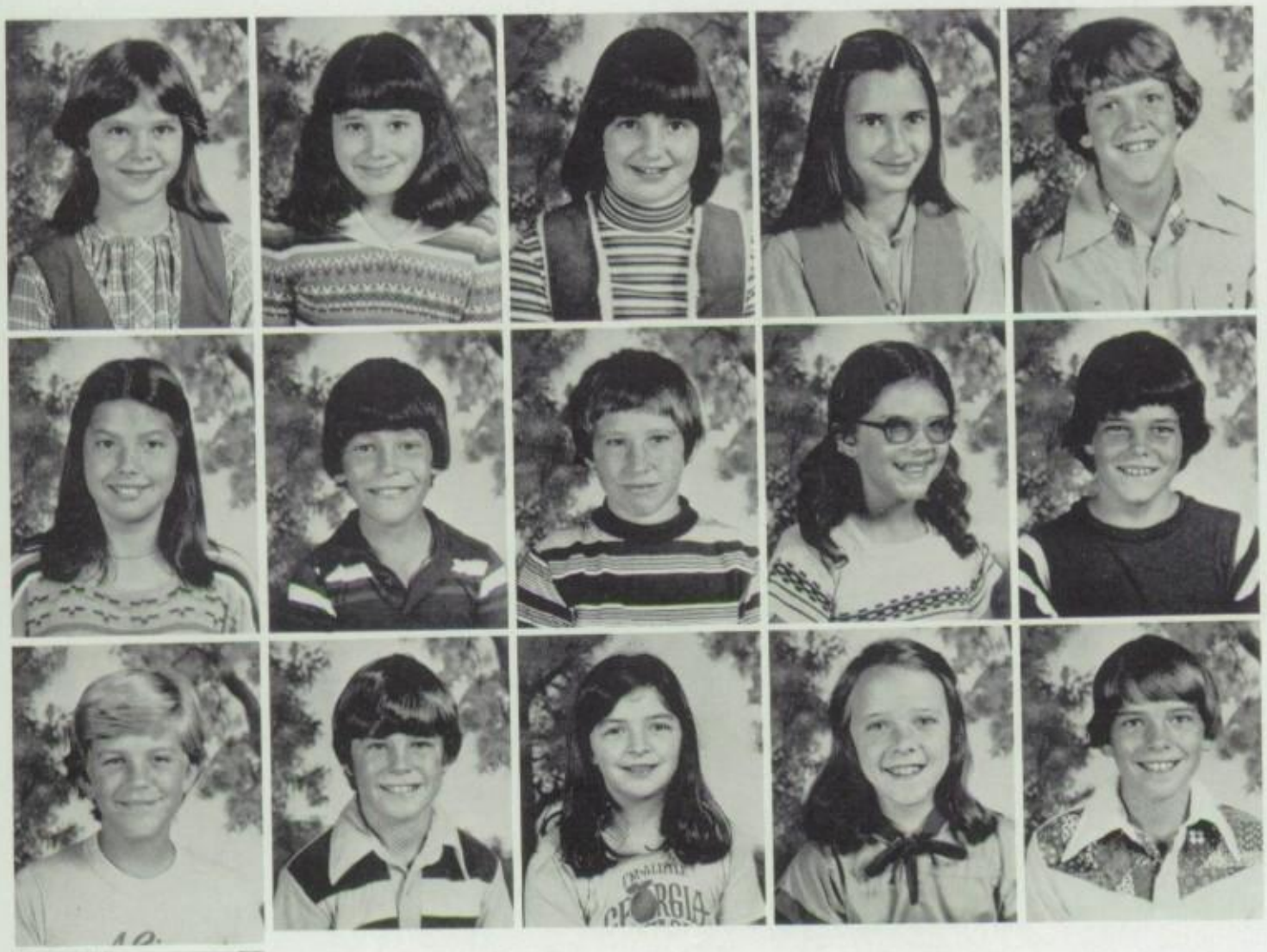
Fifth Graders Report on Various States;

Tamsy Armstrong
Tim Britt
Holly Bunch
Amanda Cudd
Michelle Cummings

Jeff Davis
Rodney Durr
Susy Ellis
Richard Ethridge
Timothy Gates

Jaime Guerriero
Will Hamaker
Karl Harrop
Jesse Heard
Shannon Hindmon

Prepare for Entrance Into Sixth Grade



Beth Jones
Joy Joyner
Laura Kilpatrick
Carol Lanningham
Gregory Lolley

Kelly McCormick
Jeff McKeithen
Danny McMillon
Lori Martin
Mark Mayo

Love always

Cobb Morgan
Butch Mulhearn
Whitney Pelton
Amy Petrus
Chris Windsor

Greg Yocum

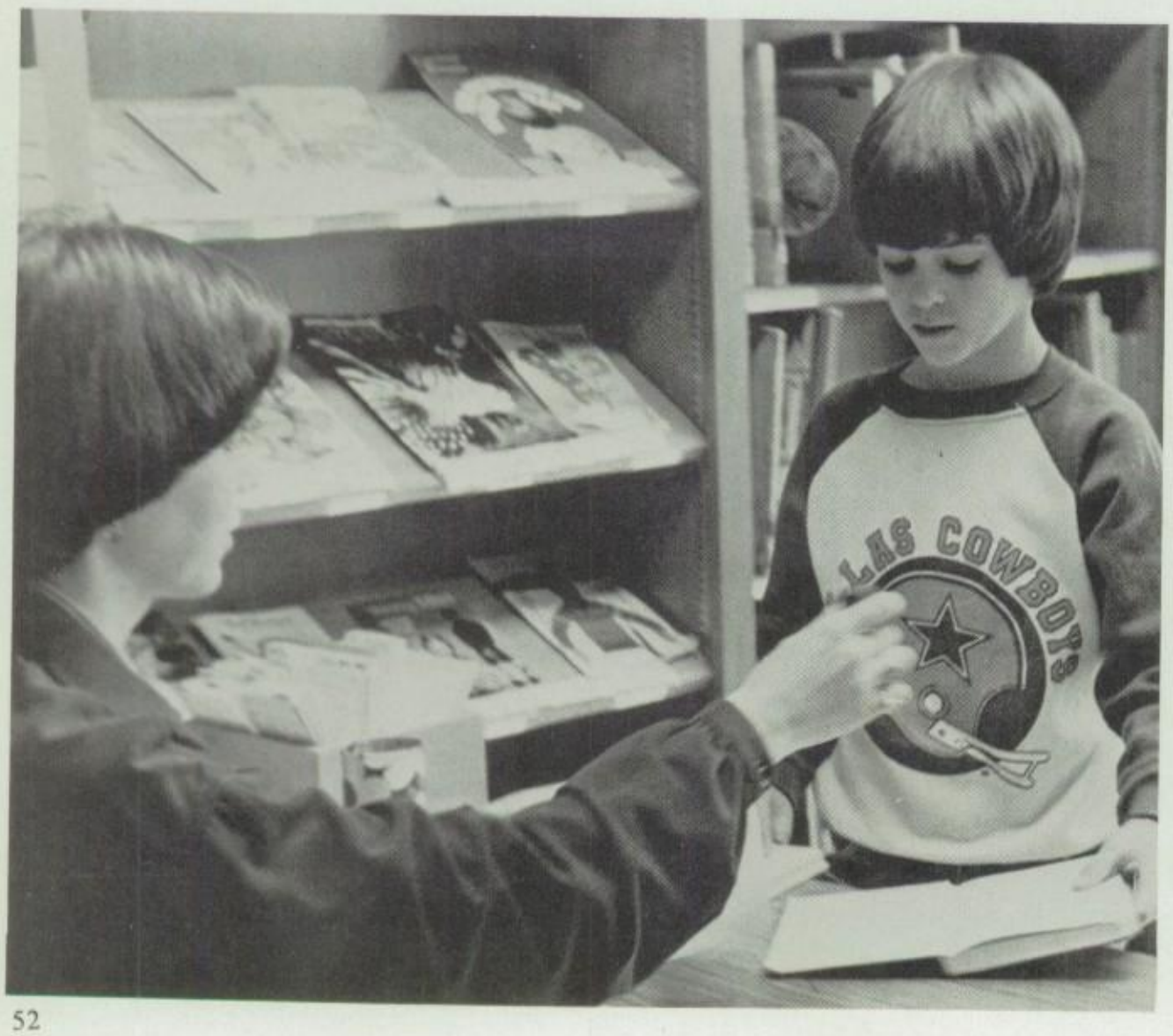
Third Grade Enjoys Christmas

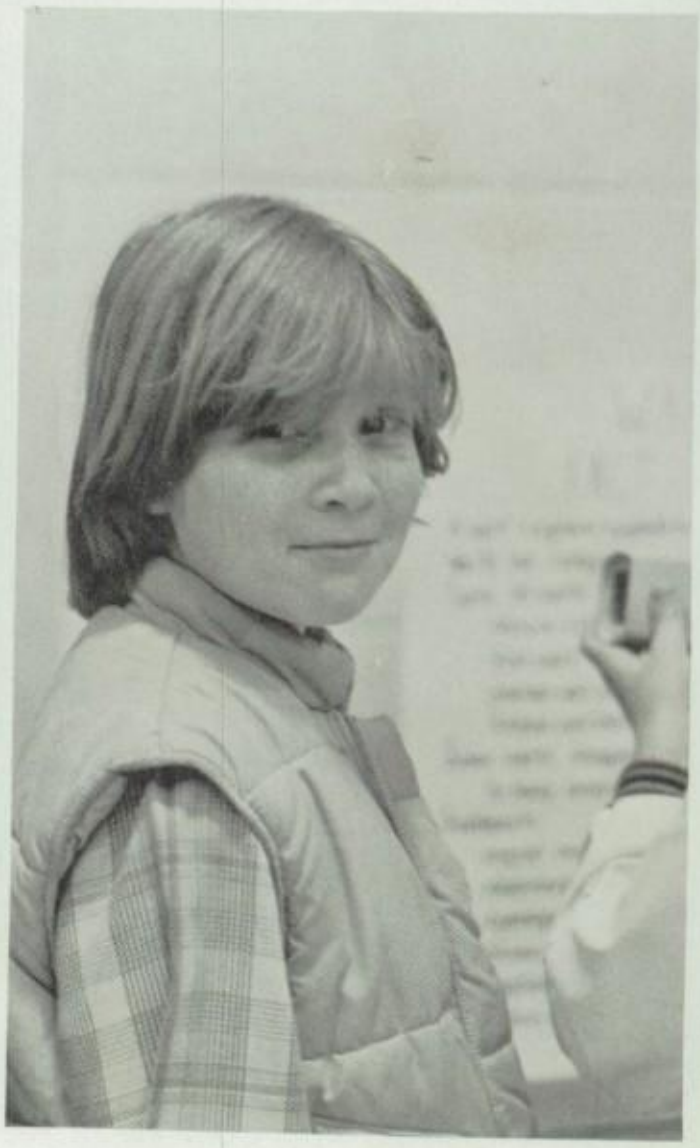
Mike Booker
Greg Chastain
John Cleveland
Chris Culpepper
Becky Fuller
Glen Futch

Todd Irwin
Lynn Jenkins
Michelle John
Jack Johnson
John Loftin
Jay McCarty

Trevor McClanahan
Scott McMickle
Marianna Mitchell
Lisa Phillips
Cole Smelser
Tiffany Smith

Chelsea Spooner
Ellen Stephens
Bret Tannehill
Robbie Tirmenstein
Henry Weaks
Scott West





Valentine's, and End-of-Year Parties

Melissa Aron
Allison Boykin
Deena Chardkoff
Angel Choate
Caroline Cole

Clint Durr
Henry Florsheim
Jay Florsheim
Jennifer George
Kevin Hurley

James Loftin
Megan McClanahan
Breck McCullen
Mary Montgomery
Jeff Tannehill

Cory Turpin
P. J. Turpin
Missy Turner
Stan Wooldridge
Lauri Worley

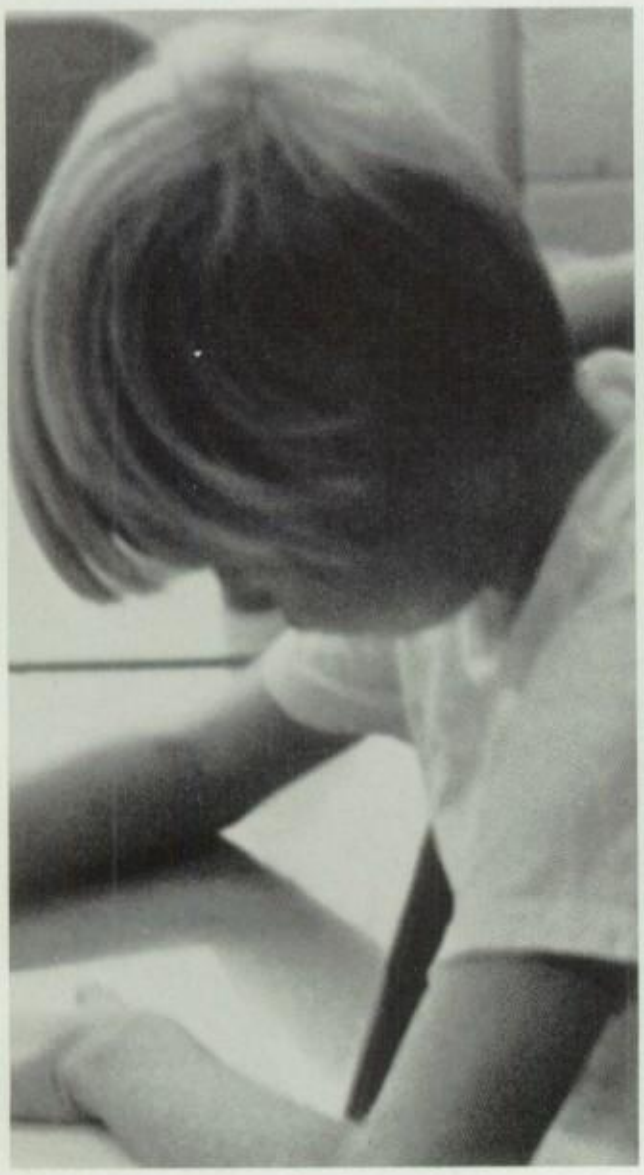
Second Graders Enjoy Mrs. Dent's Art Class

Leslie Boykin
Jason Bradley
Jennifer Brockman
Lee Guerriero
Alissa Hamm

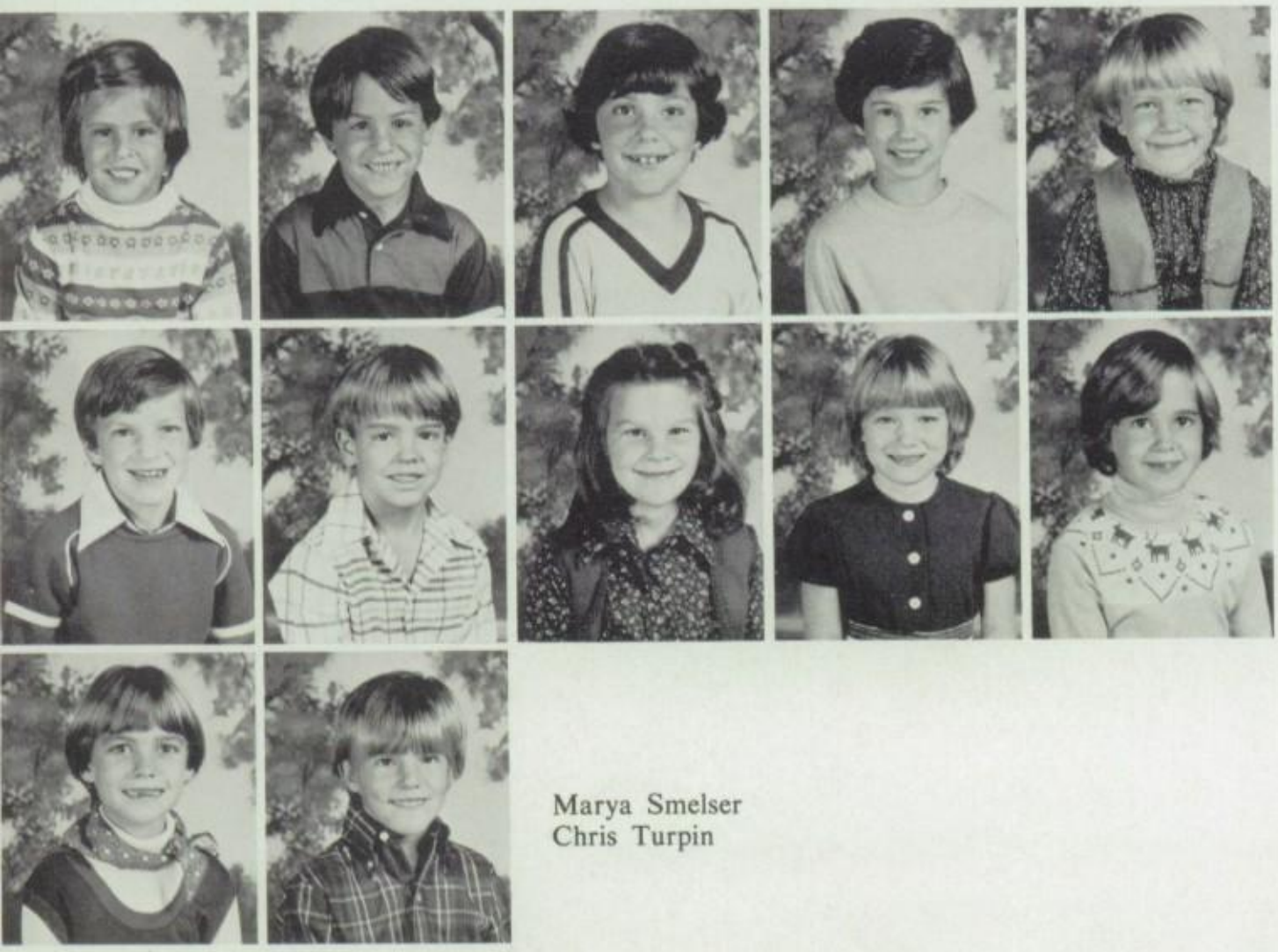
Christie Harrison
Hollis Ann Harrison
Suzanne Hawley
Marie Irby
Melissa Jay

Lela King
Sean Miller
Marlowe Morgan
Christine Sallee
Mary Catherine Spooner

Jimmy Standley
Kristian Taylor
John Watzek



1st Graders Begin Climb



Deborah Aron
David Aron
Guy Campbell
Cindy Cupples
Ainslee Etheridge

Brain Futch
Douglas Heard
Heather Huntsman
Kathleen Jones
Elizabeth West

Marya Smelser
Chris Turpin

Little Mustangs Acquire Mustang Pride

Opposite page—top: left: Sixth graders enjoy fables day. Top right: Scott McMickle views Science Fair projects. Bottom left: Wes Pipes and Allison Jones act out their favorite fable. Bottom right: Karl Harrop displays his music skill. This page—top left: Mrs. Davis helps Lyn Jenkins. Top right: Anne Birdsong concentrates on her music. Middle: Nancy files and Laura Anderson entertain their class. Bottom left: Marianna Mitchell, Greg Lolley, Michelle John, and Suzanne Hawley play for Mr. Cleveland. Bottom right: Becky Fuller works on report.

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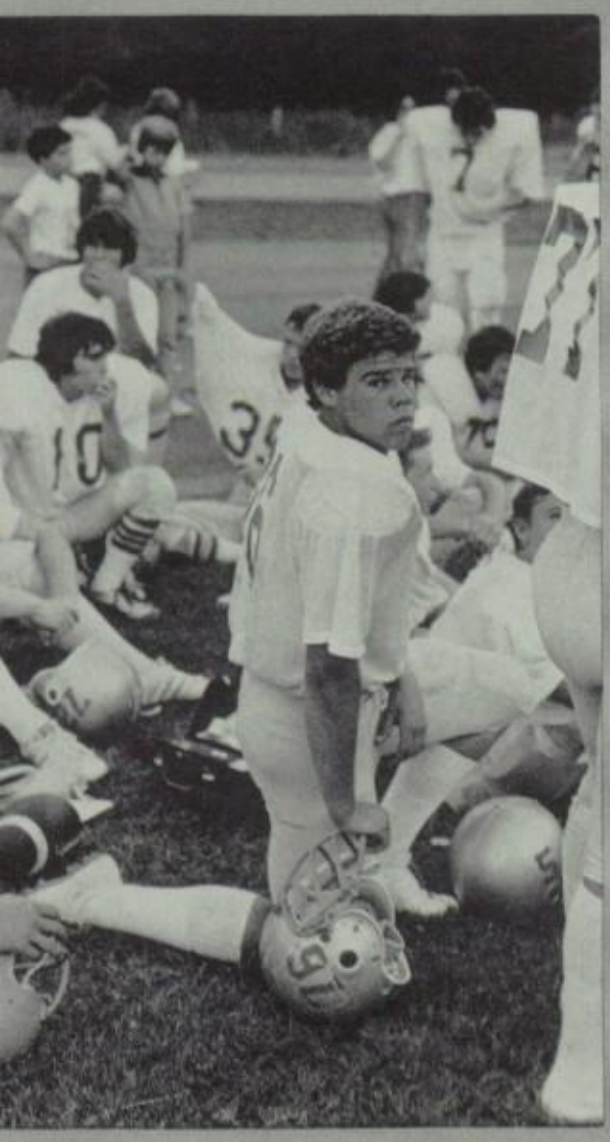

Mr. and Miss River Oaks

Woody Ledbetter

Kerry Kilpatrick

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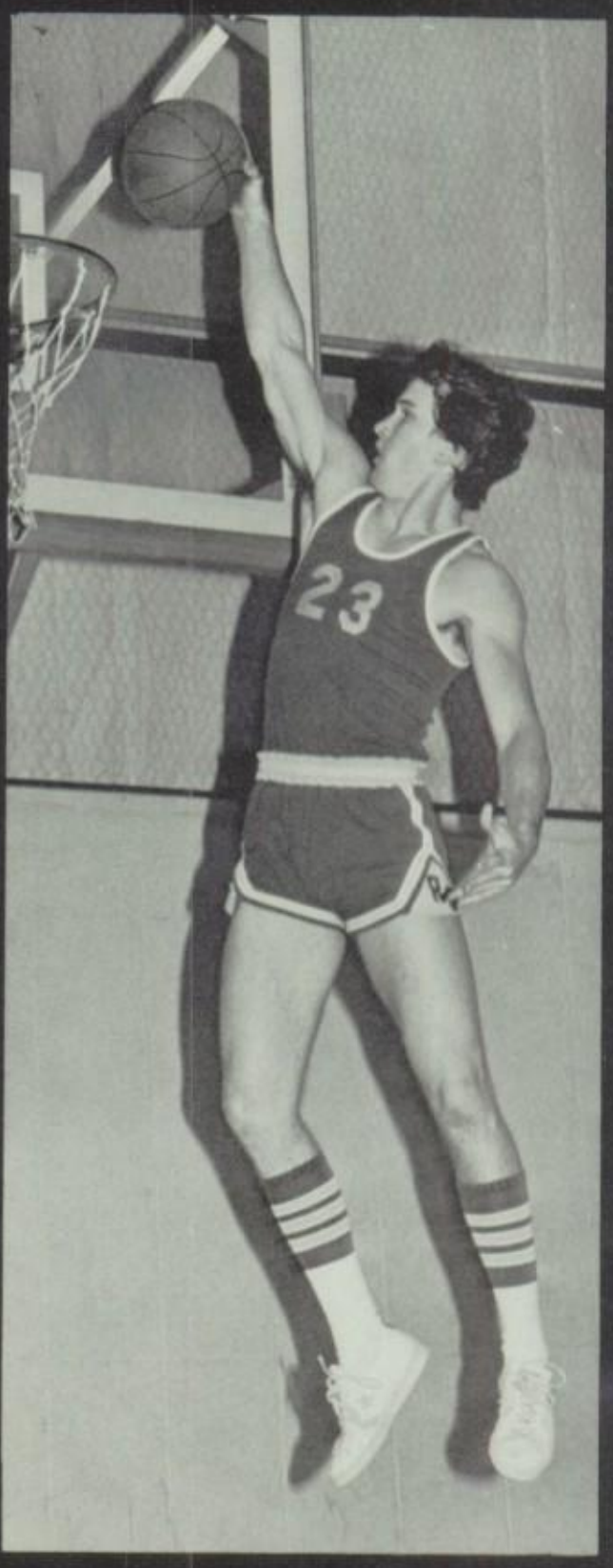
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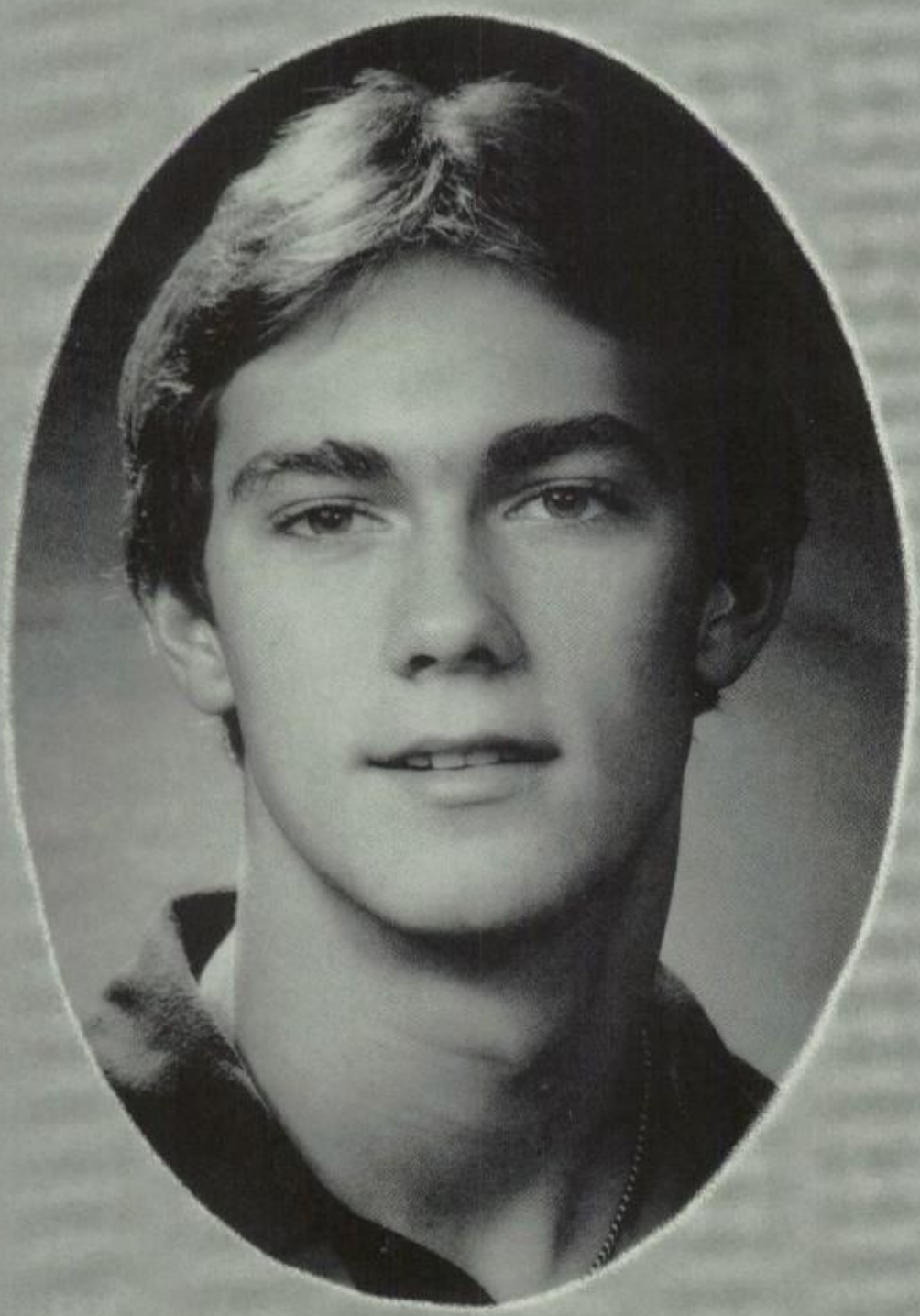
Beauty

Karen Ledoux



Handsome

Stewart Gentry

Most Likely to
Succeed

Edel Blanks
Bobbie Wyatt

Most Talented

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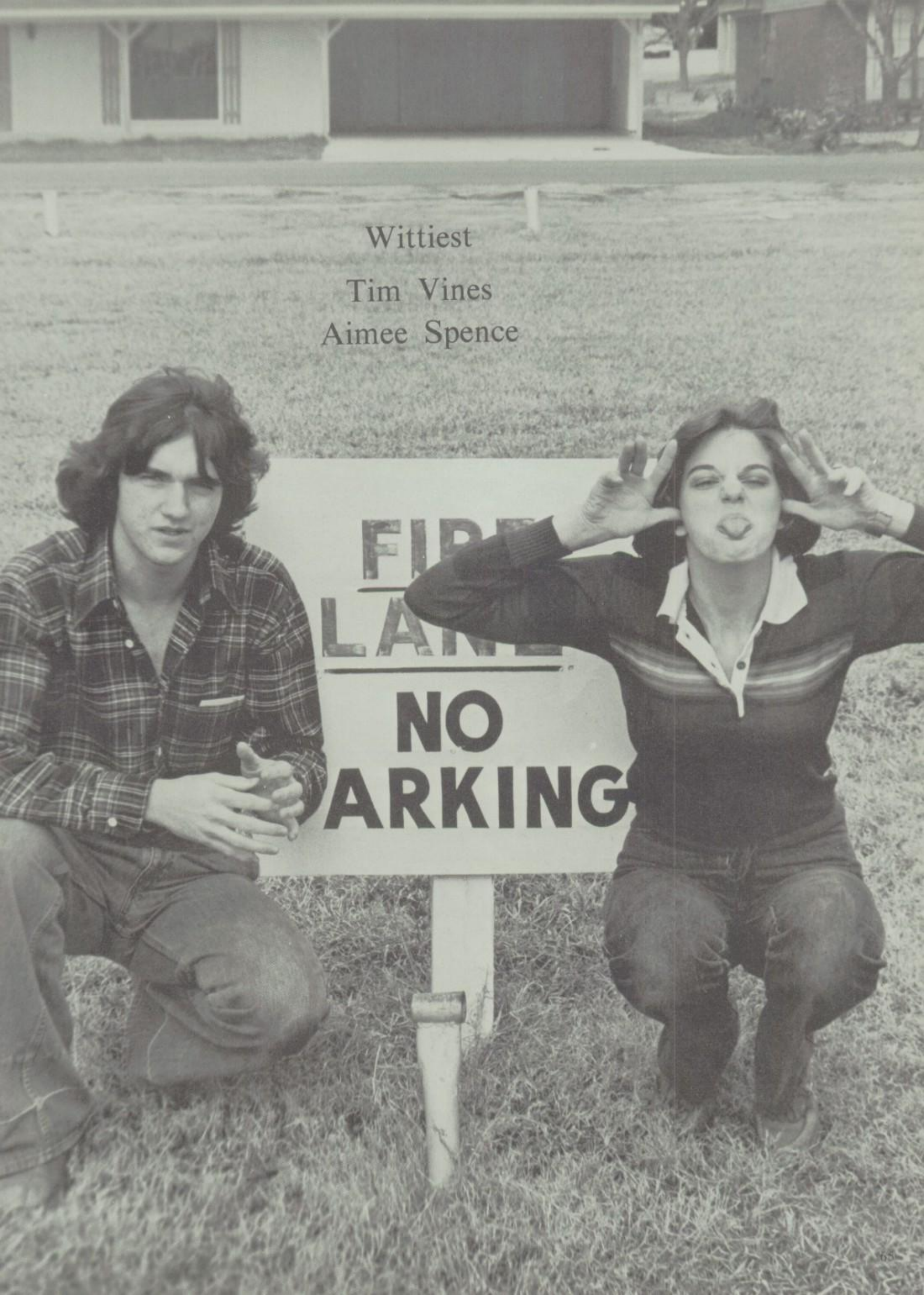
Ford Williams

Wittiest

Tim Vines

Aimee Spence



Friendliest

Catherine Shemwell
Kelly Hubenthal

Most Athletic and Most Spirited

Woody Ledbetter
Lea Thompson

Mark Dallalio
Kathy Hereford

Junior Favorites

Julie Ellington

Boyd Padgett

Sophomore Favorites

Marion Spence

Norman Bagwell

Freshman Favorites

Cole Padgett

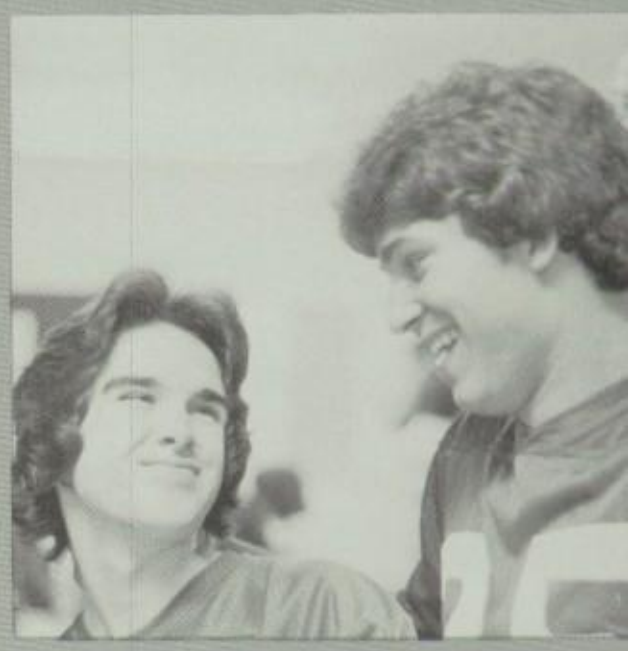
Ginger Hubenthal

8th Grade
Favorites

Blair Cudd
Charles Whitaker-

7th Grade
Favorites

Susan Gates
Jack McCants



ORGANIZATIONS

To Purchase Kiln, Art Club

Raffles Glen Gore Print

Professional scratchboard artist Glen Gore visited the River Oaks Art Club in January to demonstrate his technique and to answer questions from parents and students who attended the night meeting. The club advisor, Kathy Dent, was aided by enthusiastic officers including President—Liz Montgomery, Vice-President—Boyd Padgett, Secretary—Bobbie Wyatt, and Treasurer—Ormond Altick. Aimee Spence and Elizabeth Sartor served as social chairmen.

Membership consisted of 28 art students who were taking art or who had taken art. Purchasing a firing kiln was the goal of the Art Club; therefore, members held a raffle of a Glen Gore print and sold baked goodies to raise money. In addition, the Art Club worked many afternoons and nights preparing signs and artifacts for the school.

Opposite page—top left: Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Dent hold up the winning print. Top right: Elizabeth Sartor worries with her combination. Bottom left: Brenda Douglas is undecided about her sculpture. Bottom right: Betsy Ellis draws for the Art Club Raffle. This page—top: Art Club nonchalantly awaits dismissal. Bottom right: Kathy Hereford attempts to sell raffle tickets. Bottom left: Art Club officers are Elizabeth Sartor, Liz Montgomery, Bobbie Wyatt, and Ormond Altick.

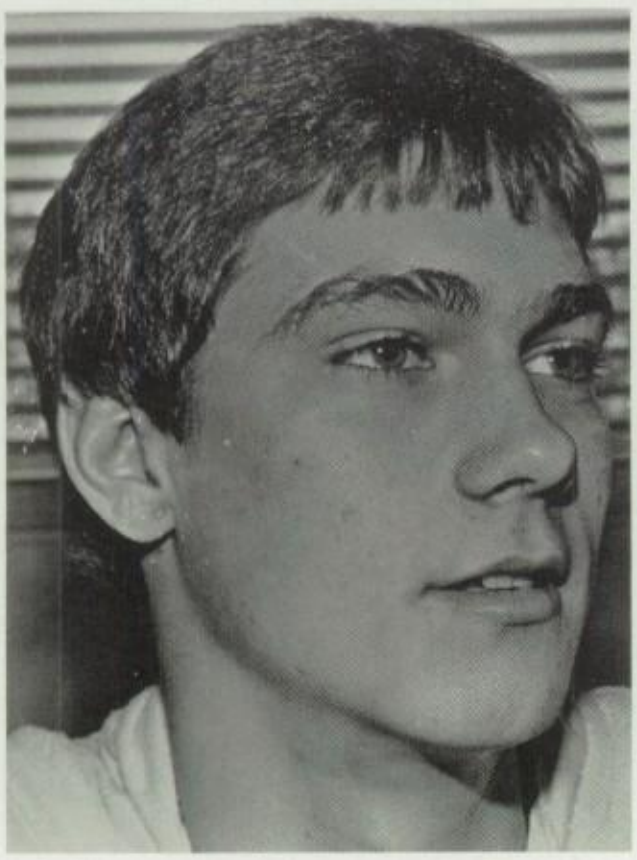
Business Club Hears Tax Lawyer John Luffey

Highlighting the Business Club's year were speakers such as James E. Wooldridge of People's Homestead, Emily Tucker of Central Bank, and John L. Luffey, Jr., a Monroe tax lawyer. The purpose of the Business Club was to create an interest in and an understanding of the business world, and to encourage each member to develop himself to a higher level of citizenship, leadership and service.

To be a Business Club member, one must have presently been enrolled in one business subject or must have taken one business subject previously. The club's sponsor was Mrs. Ellen Boatright. Officers were President Julie Gates, Vice-president Karen Ledoux, Secretary Beverly Sloan, Treasurer Jackie Petrus, and Social Chairman Nancy Kelso. The Business Club met monthly in the business room.

Opposite page—top: Business Club members group for a picture. Middle left: Ashley Mingledorff works hard. Middle right: Cindy Fomby listens to club plans. Bottom right: Beverly Sloan gives Mrs. Boatright roses from Mrs. B's husband. This page—top left: Rosemary Upshaw gets ready for Typing I. Top right: Taking time out from typing is Julie Gates. Middle left: Bob Bell works on a timed-writing. Middle right: Nancy Kelso smiles after she finishes typing copy for journalism. Bottom left: 1978-79 Business Club officers were Karen Ledoux, vice-president; Julie Gates, president; Jackie Petrus, treasurer; Nancy Kelso, social chairman, and Beverly Sloan, secretary.

Speech Club Entertains Student Bod



With Christmas and KNLU Programs

To foster an appreciation in the individual student of speech and of any activity involving speech was the main goal for the Speech Club. This year the Speech Club sent a member monthly to NLU to help produce a radio program for KNLU, which included playing the favorite tunes of the school and broadcasting important news. Other activities included a Christmas party at the home of sponsor, Mrs. Francis Thrasher, and a Christmas program for the school. With the Business Club, the Speech Club sponsored a workshop for the school's organizations on parliamentary procedure.

Serving the membership of thirty, the club officers were President Bobbie Wyatt, Vice-president William Tosten, Secretary Karen Ledoux, Treasurer Lisa Webster, and social Chairman Ormond Altick.

Opposite page—top left: Missy and Mary frolic during the Christmas play. Top right: Missy Webb dines heartily. Middle: Befuddled is Suzan Arnold. Bottom left: Dumbfounded is Stewart Gentry. Bottom right: Lisa Webster prepares for class. This page—top: Speech Club members relax in the library. Bottom: Officers are Mrs. Thrasher, sponsor; Karen Ledoux, secretary; Ormond Altick, treasurer; Bobbie Wyatt, president; and William Tosten, vice-president.

French Club Members Attend Louisiana

Tech Foreign Language Festival

A trip to the annual Language Festival at Louisiana Tech and numerous parties marked the French Club's 1978-79 main events. Members enjoyed a Christmasparty at the home of Liz Montgomery, a Mardi Gras Party, and a Spring Party.

At the Language Festival in Ruston, students participated in singing, skits, dancing, poetry readings, and language examinations for which awards were given.

Opposite page—top: French Club members show their enthusiasm. Bottom far left: Priscilla Brown says "Cheese." Bottom middle: A typical day in French class with Missy Webb, Fred Petty, and Ansel Smith. Bottom right: Mary Stewart looks disgusted. This page—top left: Shannon Spooner and Merion Spence are all smiles. Top right: Love birds, Ryan Sartor and Morgan Wyatt are thinking about it. Bottom: French Club officers are Leslie Files, sergeant-at-arms; Liz Montgomery and Priscilla Brown, party chairmen; Marguerite Martin, treasurer; Mary Stewart, secretary; Norman Bagwell, vice-president; Missy Webb, president.

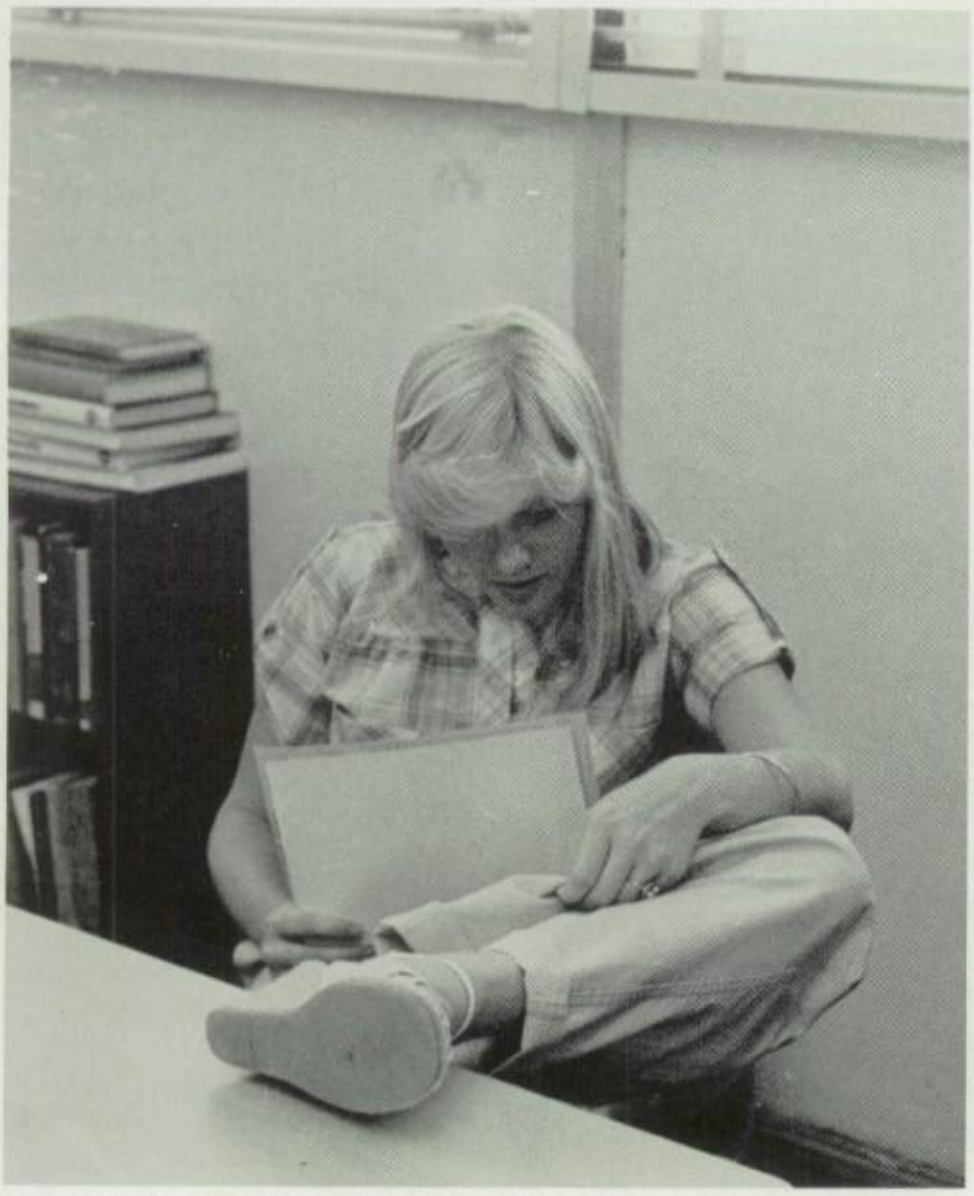
Journalism Class Coordinates Publication

Coordinated by Mrs. Donna Underwood, the journalism class met fifth period daily to produce the school's yearbook, SILVER SPUR, and newspaper, PONY EXPRESS.

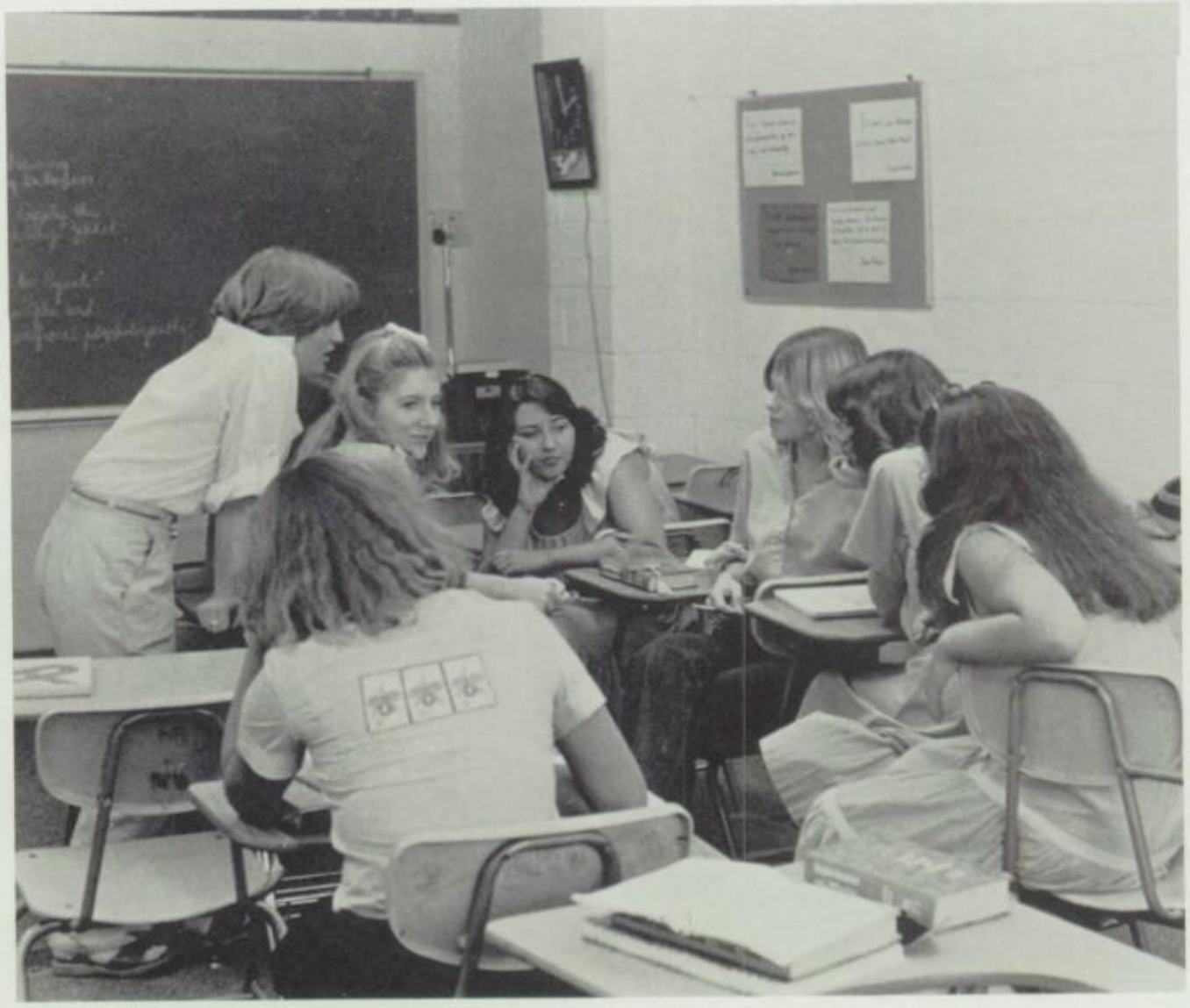
SILVER SPUR editor was Lea Thompson, and her assistant was Clare Durrett. Section editors were Ellen Cole—ORGANIZATIONS; Woody Ledbetter and Kelly Hubenthal—SPORTS; Leah Mayo and Marguerite Martin—CLASSES; Kyle Thrasher—FAVORITES; and Julie Ellington—ACTIVITIES. Julie was also editor of the PONY EXPRESS.

During the summer Julie Ellington, Marguerite Martin, Julie Gates, Leah Mayo, Lea Thompson, and Clare Durrett attended the Henington Publication Workshop at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, while Donald Jones attended the photography workshop there. At the workshop, River Oaks won a trophy for best division page layout.

This page—top: Mrs. Underwood, Lea, and Clare review their work with satisfaction. Bottom left: Clare finds inspiration in odd ways. Bottom right: Mary K. Rabun debates the finer points of journalism. Opposite page—top left: Journalism class hams it up for a picture. Top right: Liz and Clare are busy "creating." Middle left: Editor Lea contemplates a new idea. Middle right: Always hard at work! Bottom: Julie poses for a picture.



Of Pony Express And Silver Spur



Spanish Club Tours Mexico City

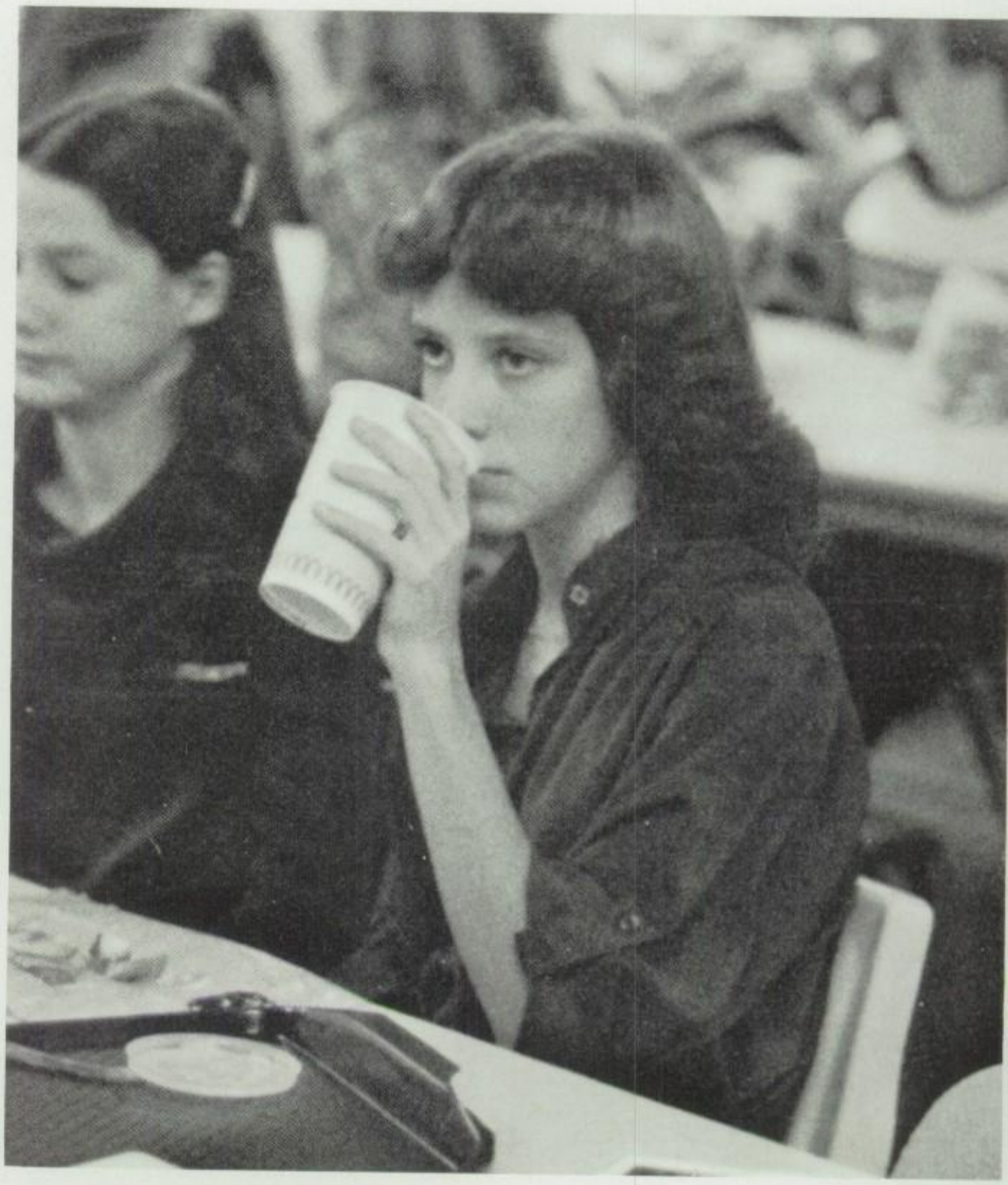
With the changing of the season, the Spanish Club also changed sponsors as Mr. Jack Halperin took Mrs. Cinda Huber's place after her move to Houston.

Under his supervision the Spanish Club attended a foreign language festival and planned a spring trip to Mexico along with other civic service events.

The officers of the Spanish Club included Mark Dallalio, president; Julie Ellington, vice-president; Mickey Masur, treasurer; Elizabeth Johnston, secretary; Jackie Petrus and Ginger Hubenthal were elected party chairmen.

Qualifications for membership were that one must have had at least one Spanish course or be enrolled in one.

This page—top: Kim Norman casually eats lunch. Bottom left: Danelle Dupree and Leighann Buller get to school bright and early. Bottom right: Vikki Southern is caught daydreaming. Opposite page—top left: 1st row—Elizabeth Johnston, secretary; Ginger Hubenthal, social chairman; Julie Ellington, vice-president; 2nd row—Mickey Masur, treasurer; Jackie Petrus, social chairman; and Mark Dalallio, president. Top right: Beverly Lingle, Ginger Hubenthal, and Shelly Mulhearn take a break to cut-up.



Eats At Local Mexican Restaurant

Student Council Sponsors Disco

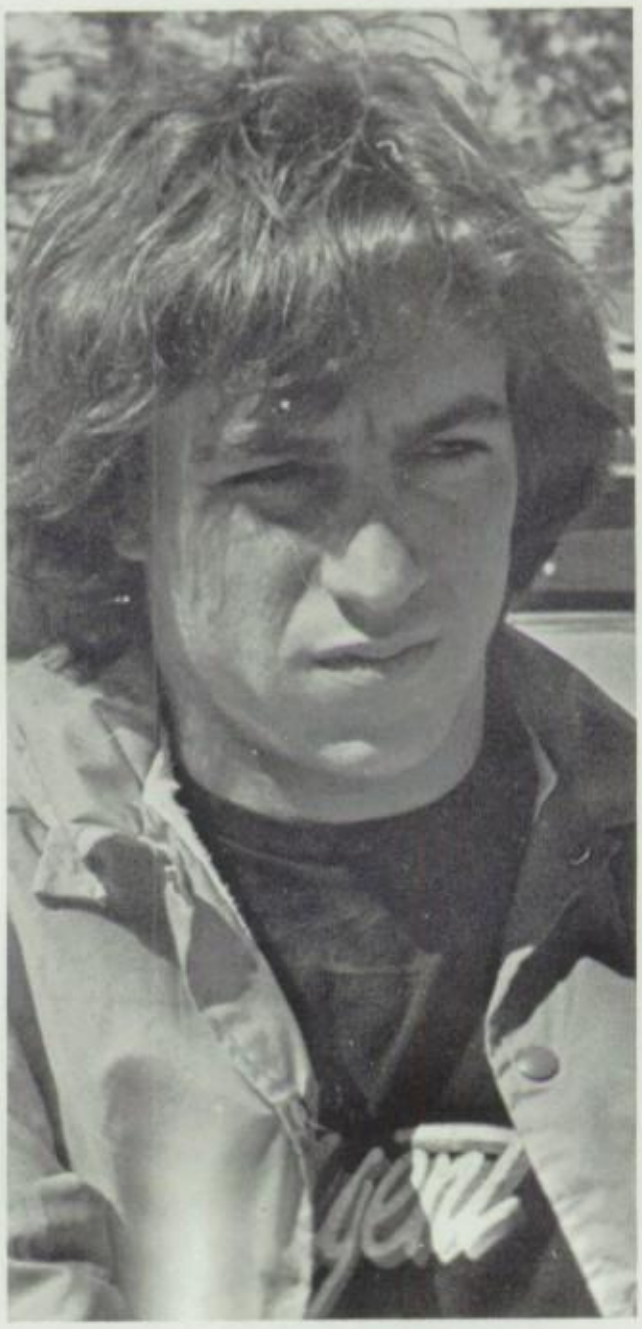
The 1978-79 school year proved to be financially successful for the River Oaks Student Council. Elected officers Tim Williams, president; Mark Dallalio, vice-president; William Tosten, secretary-treasurer; with Walter Dunn, sponsor, were able to pay off their pencil debt with funds raised through discos and various other projects. The council also made nearly a one-hundred dollar profit on the Homecoming dance.

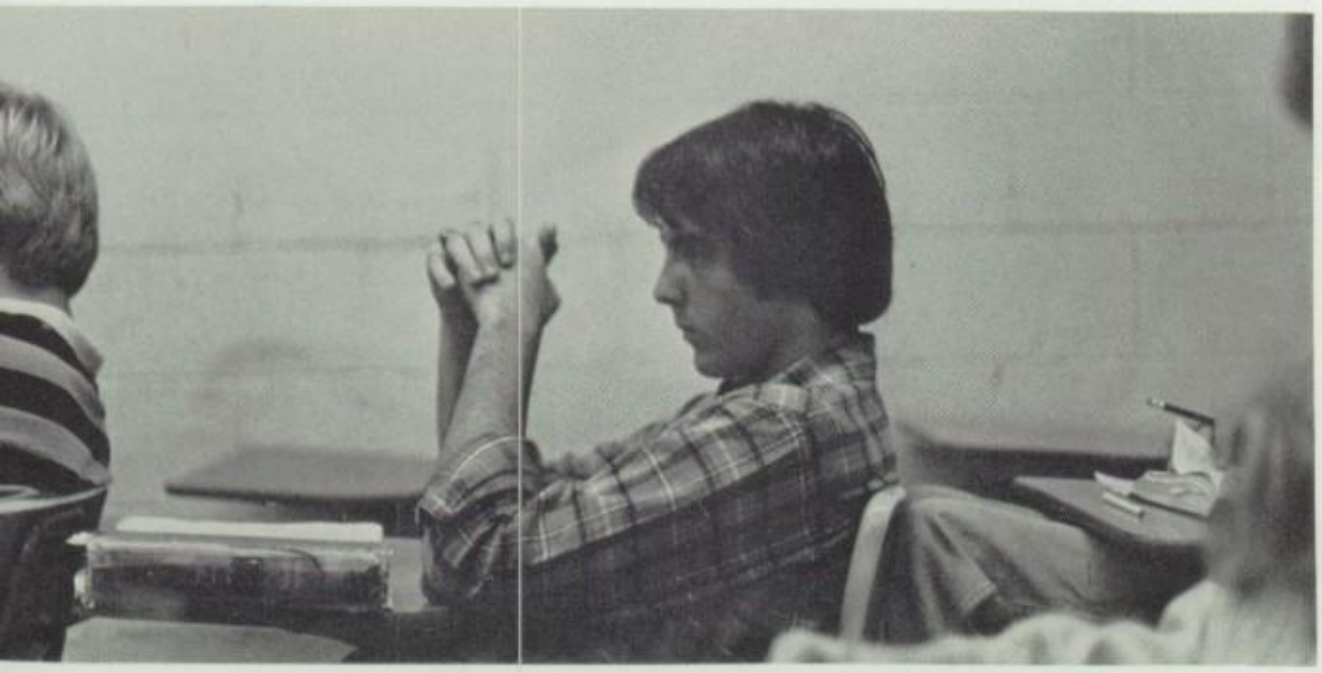
Other activities of the S. C. included participation in the March of Dimes spookhouse and the organization of programs to involve the high school students in Corral Day.

At the annual LISA Student Council Convention, River Oaks ran for parliamentarian and entered the scrapbook contest.

This page—top: Jackie shows enthusiasm over Student Council activities. Middle: Mr. Dunn works hard on Student Council business. Bottom: Student Council representatives and officers strive to make a better River Oaks. Opposite page—top left: Student Council officers worked hard for RO—V-P, Mark Dallilio; Pres., Tim Williams; Sec.; William Tosten. Top right: President Tim Williams ponders Student Council problems. Middle: Senior Class Representative Edel Blanks smiles over success of discos. Bottom left: Woody, William, and Edel participate in NLU "Almost Anything Goes." Bottom right: Renee, Missy, and Clare get a head start to the finish line.

After Home Football Games





Interact Club Repaints Parking Lot

Parties were not the only activities of the Interact Club. Collecting money for Cerebral Palsy, planning a Christmas Social to which parents and students were invited, repainting the school parking lot, co-sponsoring a volleyball game with the Key Club in the gym, and hosting a Crayfish Boil were other projects of the Interact members.

Sponsored by Coach Steve Kamerman and the Monroe Rotary Club, Interact boasted 59 members and 10 sweethearts.

The club elected Larry Gilley, president; Tim Williams, vice- president; and Tim Vines, secretary-treasurer. The sweethearts were Karen Ledoux, Catherine Shemwell, Renee Gannaway, Dawn Mickey, Vikki Southern, Margo Tennis, Leslie Files, Shannon Spooner, Morgan Wyatt, and Jana Brockman.

To become an Interact member one had to be in the 9th grade, male, and not be a member of the Key Club.

Opposite page—top: Dawn Mickey, Vikki Southern, Margo Tennis, Catherine Shemwell, and Shannon Spooner epitomize sweethearts. Middle left: Modeling his Valentine's present is Randy Pipes. Middle right: Scott Bradford and Pete Trinca enjoy joke. Bottom left: Interact members discuss volleyball strategy at break. Bottom right: In the gym Fred Petty contemplates next move. This page— top: Officer include Secretary-Treasurer Tim Vines, President Larry Gilley, Vice-President Tim Williams, and Party Chairman Bradley Adair. Middle: Joe Simpson concentrates on making the grade.

Key Club Sponsors Powder Puf

Sponsoring a powder puff basketball game in December between junior and senior girls and a super stars competition in the spring were the major activities of the Key Club in 1978-79.

Noon lunches with the Monroe Kiwanis Club also helped the twelve-member club to improve community relations.

Officers of the Key Club were President Ford Williams, Vice-president William Tosten, Secretary Ansel Smith, and Treasurer Nat Smith. Coach Glen Venator was the sponsor of the Key Club. The 1978-79 sweethearts were Lea Thompson, Liz Montgomery, Danelle Dupree, Terri Stewart, Amanda Caskey, and Rosemary Upshaw.

Basketball Game Between Juniors And Seniors

This page—top: Sweethearts for the Key Club are sitting: Lea Thompson, Terri Stewart, Liz Montgomery; standing: Rosemary Upshaw, Danelle Dupree, and Amanda Caskey. Middle left: Typical Tosten!!! Middle right: All smiles is Nat Smith. Bottom: President Ford Williams poses for picture. Opposite page—top: Key Club officers are William Tosten, vice-president; Ford Williams, president; and Nat Smith, treasurer. Bottom: Key Club members: 1st row—William Tosten, Roy Shotwell, Robert Keeling, Woody Ledbetter, Nat Smith, Clay Petrus, Ansel Smith. 2nd row—Ford Williams, Brad Armintor, Kelly Hubenthal, Ron Sloan, Bob Bell.

Jrs. Become Members of National Honor Society

Induction of members for the 1979—1980 session of the LeChene Chapter of the National Honor Society took place Sunday, May 6, 1979. New members included Brad Armintor, Bob Bell, Priscilla Brown, Danelle Dupree, Julie Ellington, Ann Files, Cindy Fomby, Donald Jones, Marguerite Martin, Fred Petty, Melanie Pierron, Randy Pipes, Ansel Smith, Terri Stewart, Margo Tennis, and Missy Webb. These students met the requirements of a 3.0 overall grade point average and satisfactory faculty evaluation of character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

Top—National Honor Society members: 1st row: Ann Files, Cindy Fomby, Melanie Pierron, Maggie Martin, Margo Tennis, Priscilla Brown, Danelle Dupree, Missy Webb, Terri Stewart, Julie Ellington 2nd row: Donald Jones, Fred Petty, Brad Armintor, Randy Pipes, Bob Bell, Ansel Smith Middle: Ann Files is commended for her academic excellence. Bottom: Julie Ellington is caught away from studying.

Rangerettes Increase Mustang Spirit

The Rangerettes, sponsored by Mrs. Francis Thrasher and Miss Camile Hardy, were a very important factor in encouraging spirit at the Mustang football games. The 35 members, ingrades 7 to 9, were led by captain, Ginger Hubenthal, and co-captains, Robin Kilpatrick and Amy Wallace.

The major activity of the season was a formation honoring the Homecoming Court at half-time. Also, the squad traveled to New Orleans for the State Semi-Finals, November 17.

This page—top: Pep Squad members' faces reflect enthusiasm. Middle left: Robin Kilpatrick, Ginger Hubenthal, Amy Wallace were avid pep squad members. Top left: Not always cheering, Robin was also interested in science. Bottom right: Amy King hopes for a victory in science. Bottom left: Christine Martin pauses during break.

Parents' Club Members Are Active

Sponsoring an Open House for the parents was the main activity of the Parents' Club. The club, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spooner, held a hot dog supper following an open house prior to Homecoming 1978. A bonfire for the students followed the supper.

The club consisted of interested parents working for the betterment of the school, including beautification projects, concessions, parent newsletter, and coordination of special events such as Homecoming, graduation, prom, sports banquet, and teacher appreciation.

Other officers were Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Norman G. McMillon and Vice-president Mrs. Lanelle Buller.

In All Aspects of Mustang Life

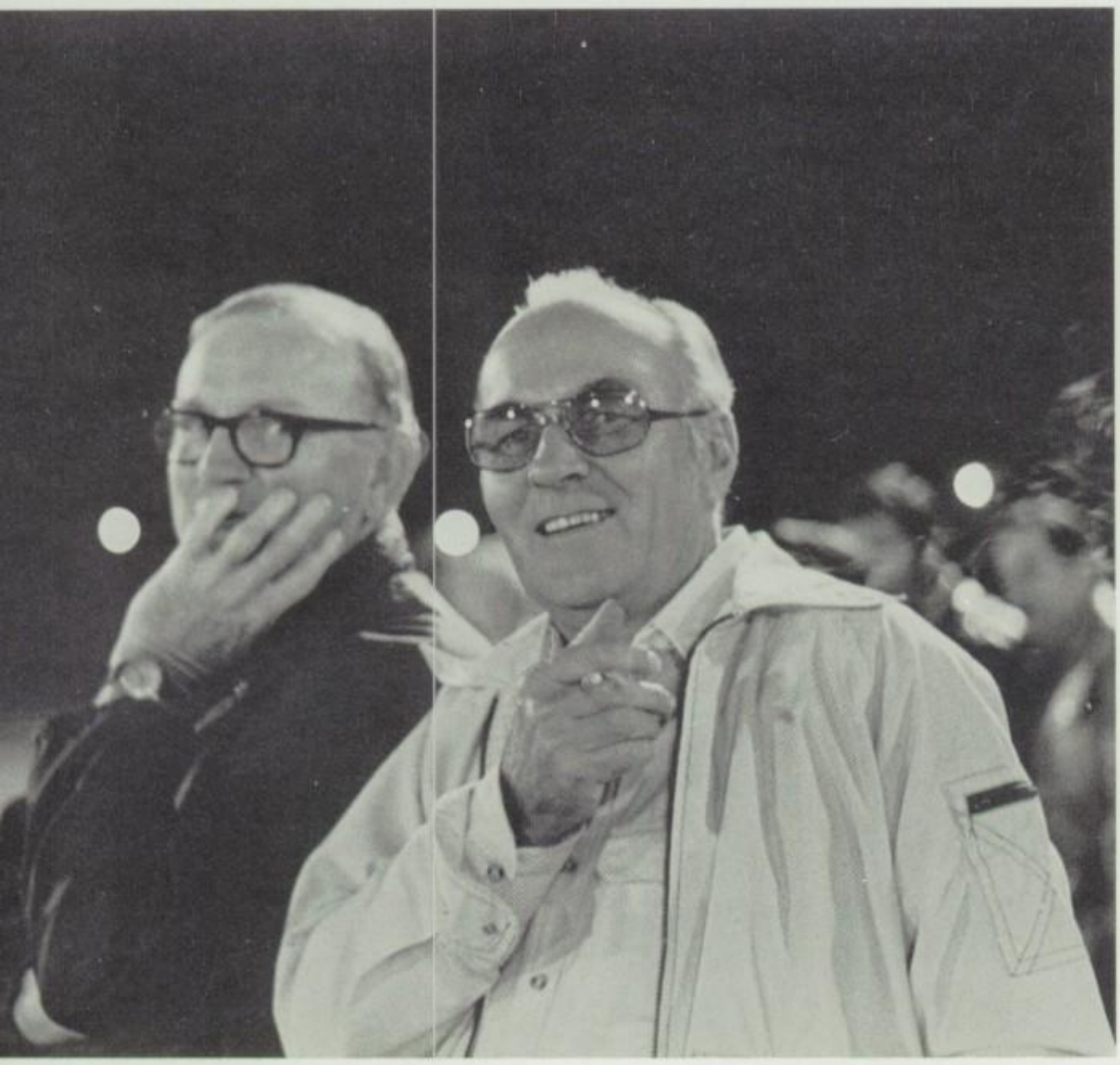
Opposite page—top: Mrs. Pat Petrus is always ready with advice. Middle left: A tired but happy parent. Middle right: Mrs. Phillips contributes a smile. Bottom: Mrs. Winters speaks to civics classes. This page—top left: Even Mrs. Betty Carlton has to take a break. Top right: Mrs. Webster joins in at a pep rally. Bottom: Mrs. Fuller and her son review the science fair.

Booster Club Builds Football Concessior

Promoting Mustang athletics was the purpose of the Booster Club. President for 1978 was Mr. Bobby Ellington who presided over all weekly meetings at Wyatt's Cafeteria, where in-season coaches spoke. Building and equipping a new football concession stand was by far the biggest task undertaken by the energetic group.

Some fund-raising projects included a raffle on a choice of a gun or food processor and a rummage sale at the American Legion Home in Forsythe Park. Also, the Booster Club sold ads for the football program and cheered enthusiastically at all athletic functions. Mr. Henry Williamson served as secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Judy Worthen, vice-president.

Finances Athletic Trips, Purchases Jerseys



Opposite page—top: Boosters Flip Spooner and Lanelle Buller arrange out-of-town bus trips. Middle: Baby Loflin gives a football pep talk and introduces team members. Bottom: Parents discuss Friday night's game with Coach Boyles. This page—top left: Aimee Spence represents SDK's at Booster meeting. Top right: Boosters also support basketball team. Bottom left: Booster membership involves working on sidelines. Bottom right: Boosters enjoy SDK performance during pep assembly.

Mustang Band Executes Precision

Though the Mustang Band decreased in size, quality remained. Directed by John S. Brick, the 27-member band performed "new" marching routines at all football games.

Joe Simpson served as president, with Cheryl Impson, vice-president; Libby Tirmenstein, secretary-treasurer; Terri Stewart, party chairman; Kristen Anderson, high school representative; and Elise Davidson, junior high representative.

During the spring, the band performed at the LISA District and State Concerts. Also, the band presented its annual concert in May.

The highlight of the band season for one member, Ford Williams, was his nomination to the McDonald's All-Star Band.

Members of the High School All-District Band were Terri Stewart, Bob Bell, and Brad Armintor. Ford Williams was a member of the High School All-State Band.

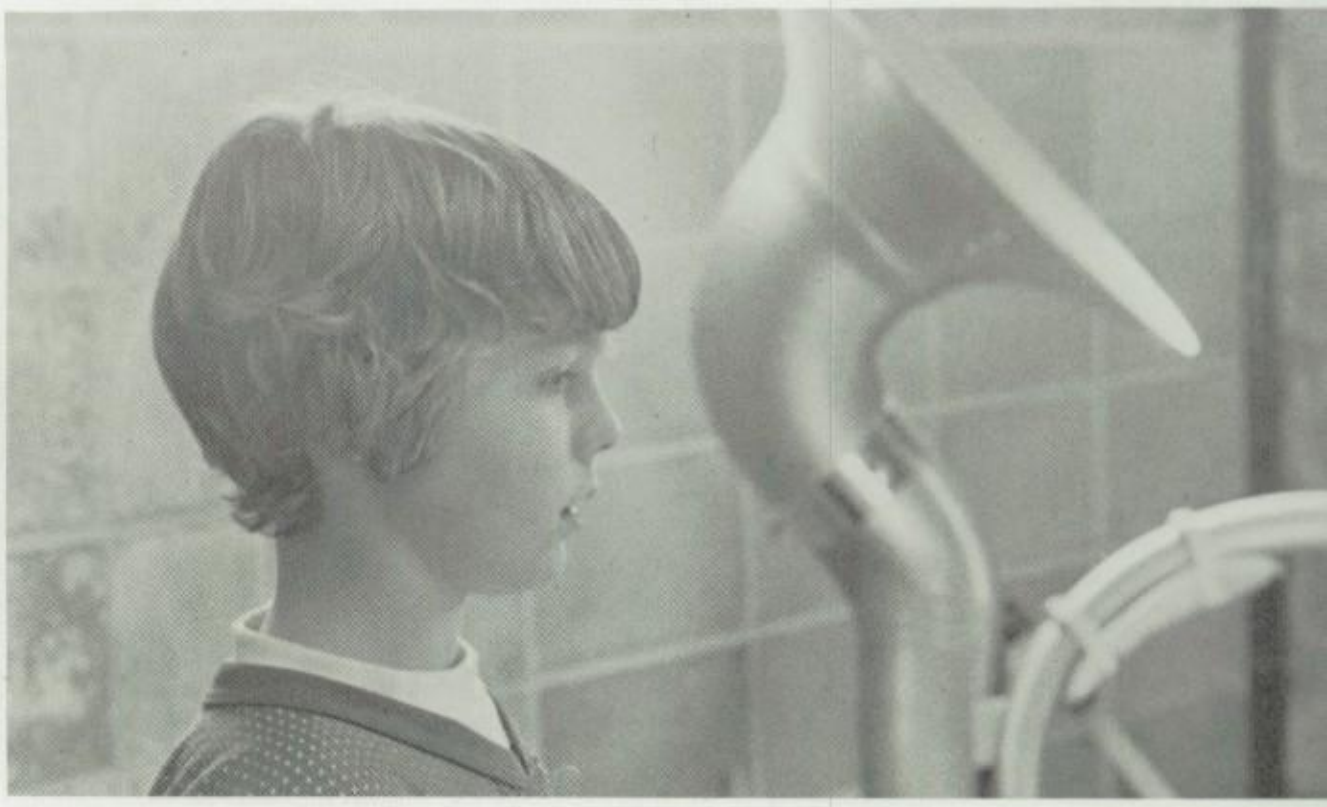
Halftime Shows, Presents May Concert

Opposite page—top: Robert Keeling, Charles Rosamond, Ford Williams, and Terri Stewart play "Mississippi Mud." Middle: Ann Ware drums during assembly. Bottom: Gwen Parker, Libby Tirmenstein, Keith Gilley, and Kyle Thrasher discuss halftime performance. This page—top: Rusty Hogue, Clint Thompson, Eric Womack, Bret Armintor, Charles Whitaker "bear down." Right: All-state band member Ford Williams shows his clarinet skills. Bottom: Band members are impressive in concert dress.

Elementary Band, Flag Corps

Learning the fundamentals of the high school band, the elementary band practiced during the fifth period. Composed of fifth and sixth graders planning to be in the high school band, the elementary band was directed by John S. Brick. Members from the sixth grade included Robin Irwin, Stewart McMickle, Paul Tennis, Laura Anderson, Anne Birdsong, and Monica Richardson.

Members of the fifth grade band were Butch Mulhearn, Jeff McKeithen, Tim Britt, Chris Windsor, Amanda Cudd, Tamsey Armstrong, Karl Harrop, Will Hamaker, Rodney Durr, Greg Yokum, Richard Ethridge, and Jess Heard.



Complete Mustang Music Department

"Rubberband Man" was one of the songs to which the Flag Corps performed at half-time of R.O. football games. Under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Ashton of the NLU Flag Corps, Theresa Bingham, Joan Boyles, Amanda Caskey, Alison Choate, and Nancy Lary practiced twice a week with the band to perfect the half-time routines.

The Flag Corps' colorful blue and silver flags were donated by Dew Music Company. To be a member, a person had to have been in band or pep squad the previous year. Mrs. Francis Thrasher and Miss Camile Hardy also sponsored this organization.

Opposite page—top: Elementary band members pause before going to class. Middle left: Greg Slocom, Will Hamaker, and Rodney Durr trumpet. Middle right: Amanda Cudd and Tamsy Armstrong cannot believe they played a G, not a C. Bottom: Paul Tennis is the drummer for elementary band. This page—top: Flag Corps members are Joan Boyles, Teresa Bingham, Alison Choate, Amanda Caskey, and Nancy Lary. Middle: Teresa says, "No way." Bottom left: Marching in formation, Flag Corps members await band members. Bottom right: Alison Choate reflects her pride in the Flag Corps.

Sundance Kids Perform At

Promoting spirit and providing entertainment for the school and students took much hard work from the 22 members of the Sundance Kids. With Bobbie Wyatt as captain and Aimee Spence and Danelle Dupree, co-captains, the girls captured a superior rating at the dance-drill team camp at Louisiana Tech University during the summer. At this camp, Aimee Spence, Danelle Dupree, and Mary Walker each obtained superior ribbons for their outstanding dance performances.

Among the many qualifications for being a Sundance Kid, one had to be at least a sophomore and participated in at least one extra-curricular activity at River Oaks. The girls had to dance at all games and assemblies as well as participate in all SDK projects, which included weekly favors for players.

The Sundance Kids also performed at a NLU women's basketball game in December.

NLU Women's Basketball Game

Opposite page—Preacher William Tosten and Sundance Kids attend the funeral of a Brairfield Rebel. Middle left: Those trying out for SDK's wait for the final verdict. Middle right: Danelle Dupree smiles after performing. Bottom: SDK's end another perfect dance. This page—top: 1978-1979 Sundance Kids: 1st row: Aimee Spence, co-captain, Bobbie Wyatt, captain; Danelle Dupree, co-captain. 2nd row: Merion Spence, Maggie Martin, Ashley Mingledorff, Kyle Thrasher, Kaye Guin, Ellen Cole, Lisa Webster, Kerry Kilpatrick, Mary Stewart, Beth Stewart, Jackie Petrus, Leah Mayo, Shannon Spooner, Morgan Wyatt, Mary Walker, Julie Ellington, Gay Southern. Bottom left: Captain Bobbie gives instructions. Bottom right: Gay gets ready to dance.

Varsity Cheerleaders Stomp, Clap

Kathy Hereford, Karen Ledoux, Liz Montgomery, Catherine Shemwell, Leslie Files, and Vikki Southern were the names announced as 1978-79 Varsity Cheerleaders by Mrs. AnitaFleming, cheerleader sponsor, last spring. The squad was unique in that it was the first R.O. squad having two head cheerleaders, Karen Ledoux and Kathy Hereford.

Beginning in the early summer, the girls held car washes and their annual elementary cheerleader camp to raise money to pay for Kool-Aid and other treats given to the various athletic teams.

Also, the spirited Mustang squad won second place at the Dynamic Cheerleader Association Camp at Louisiana State University during the summer. Besides cheering at all games, planning assemblies, holding poster parties, and selling ribbons were also duties of the group.

This page—top right: Catherine Shemwell displays the typical cheerleader look. Middle: Leslie Files promises not to tell. Middle right: That's one worn out cheerleader. Bottom left: Don't look now, Liz. Bottom right: Kathy Hereford needs more lipstick. This page—top: How cheerleaderish, smile girls! Left: Are those boys talking about us? Right: Vikki sees the cutest boy in town.

Mustangs To Semi-Final Competition

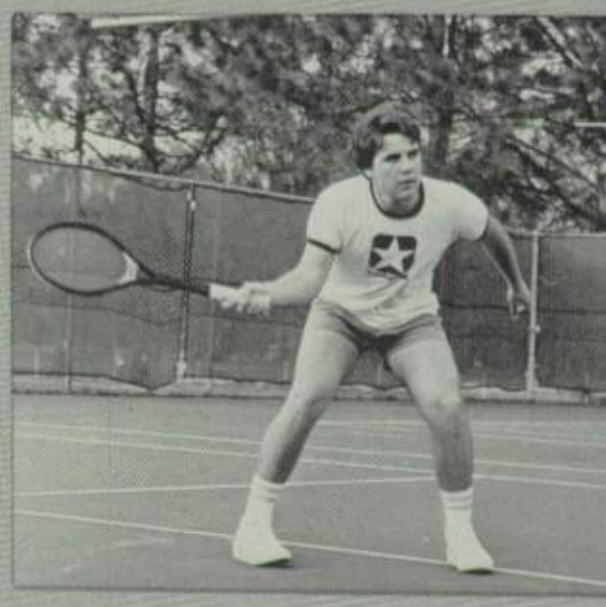
Jr. High Cheerleaders Keep

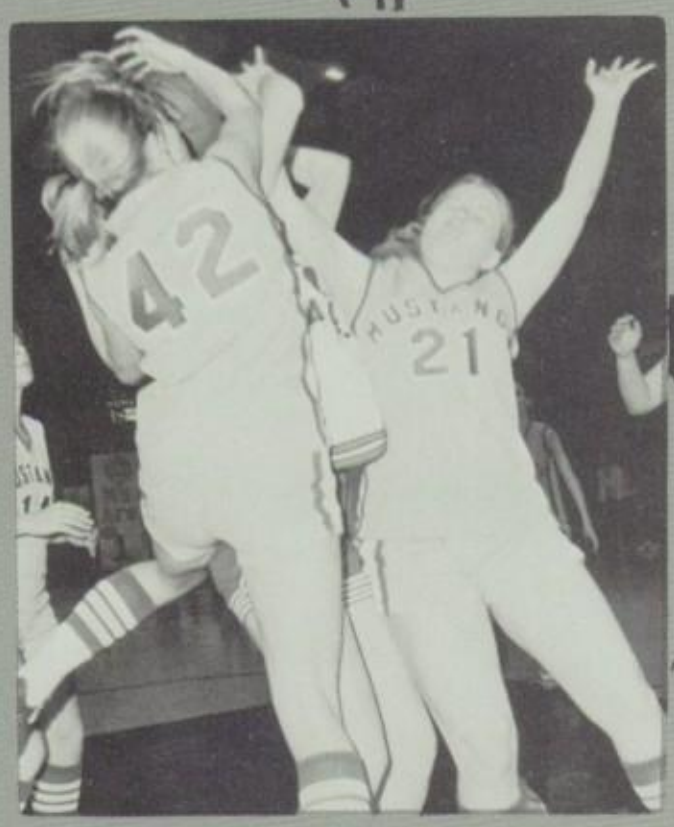
Winning first place at Neville High School's Cheerleader Camp were the spirited Jr. High Cheerleaders. Headed by Jana Brockman, the girls raised much enthusiasm throughout the 7th and 8th grades.

Other members of the group were Elizabeth Johnston, Rosemary Upshaw, DeeDee Melton, Diana Gentry, and Rachel Huenefeld. Decorating the gym, planning pep meetings, and providing the football and basketball teams with favors were just a few of these girls' tasks. Mrs. Barbara Lassiter sponsored and aided the girls throughout the year.

The Spirit Up During Pep Rallies

Opposite page–top: The 1978-79 Jr. High Cheerleaders–1st row: Rachel Huenefeld, DeeDee Melton, Rosemary Upshaw, Elizabeth Johnston, Diana Gentry. Left: Diana Gentry heads for refreshments. Middle right: Rosemary Upshaw, Rachel Huenefeld and Jana Brockman keep cheers going. Bottom: Rachel Huenefeld urges students to yell at pep assembly. This page–top: Diana Gentry and Dee Dee Melton watch the game with hopeful expectations. Middle: Rosemary Upshaw and Diana Gentry discuss plans for pep assembly. Bottom: Diana Gentry, DeeDee Melton, Rosemary Upshaw, Rachel Huenefeld, and Jana Brockman decide on an appropriate cheer.





SPORTS

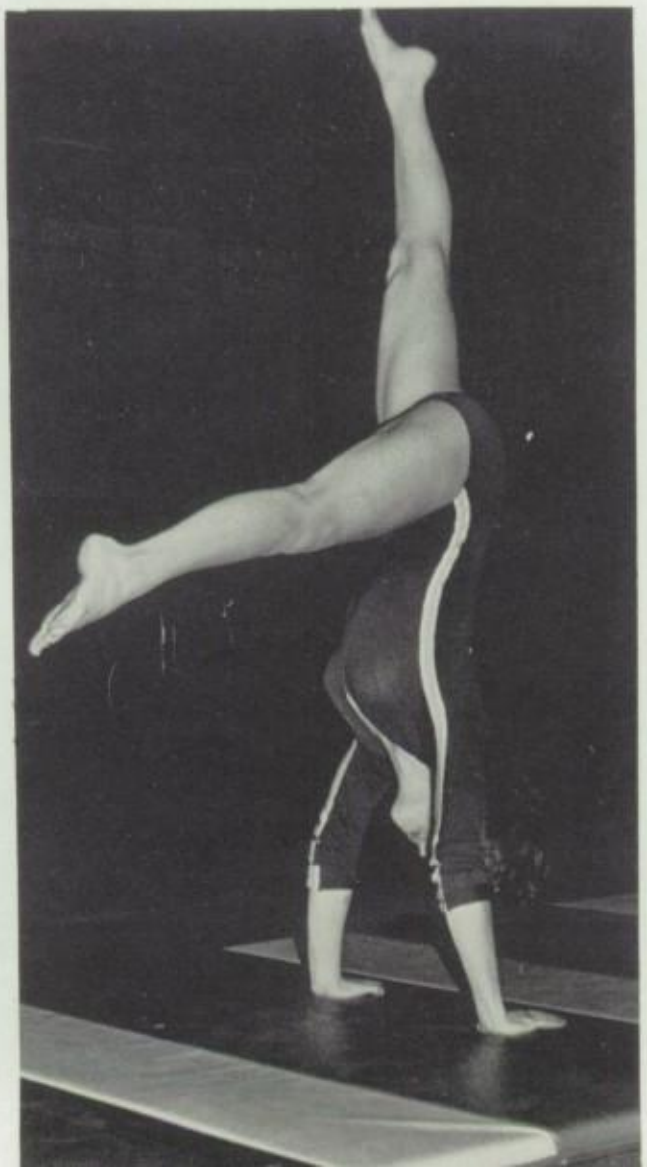
R. O. Students Participate Avidly

In Outside Activities . . .

School provided enough obligations for the students of '79, but the day was not completed with just six hours of school. Students' interests varied from singing, playing tennis, riding bicycles, fishing, and mudhogging, to horse-back riding.

Many students, being blessed with special talents, found themselves working endless hours to perfect their skills. This meant early morning practices and sometimes evening workouts also. On the weekends these students often traveled two or three states to compete in different activities, whether it was weight-lifting or horse-showing.

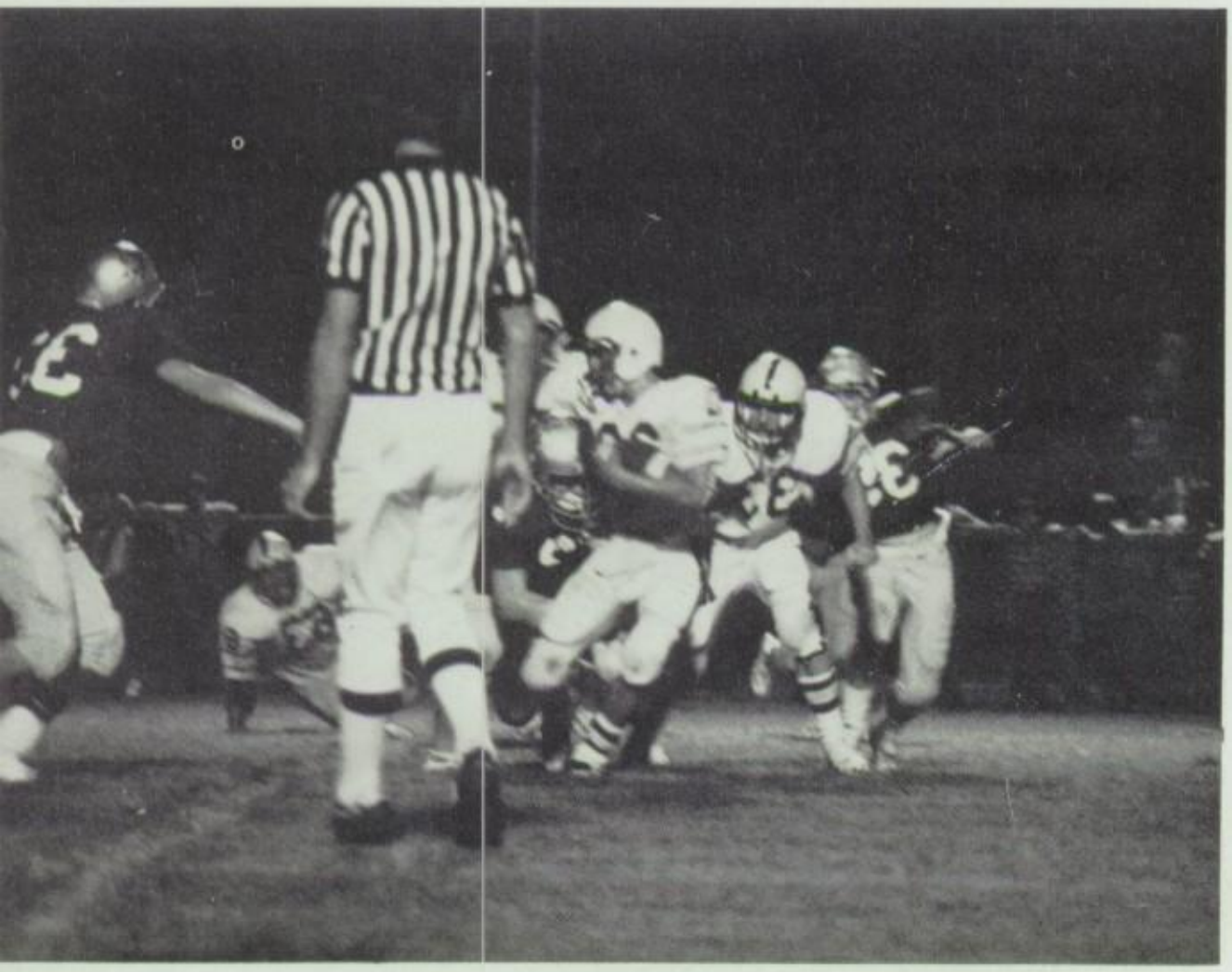
On the other hand, there were those who participated just for the enjoyment and tranquility received from the activity. The hours these students spent simply relaxing, fishing, or bicycle riding were ones that were incalculable. To many students extracurricular activities meant escaping school time. Whatever the reason, each activity seemed worthwhile in the long run.

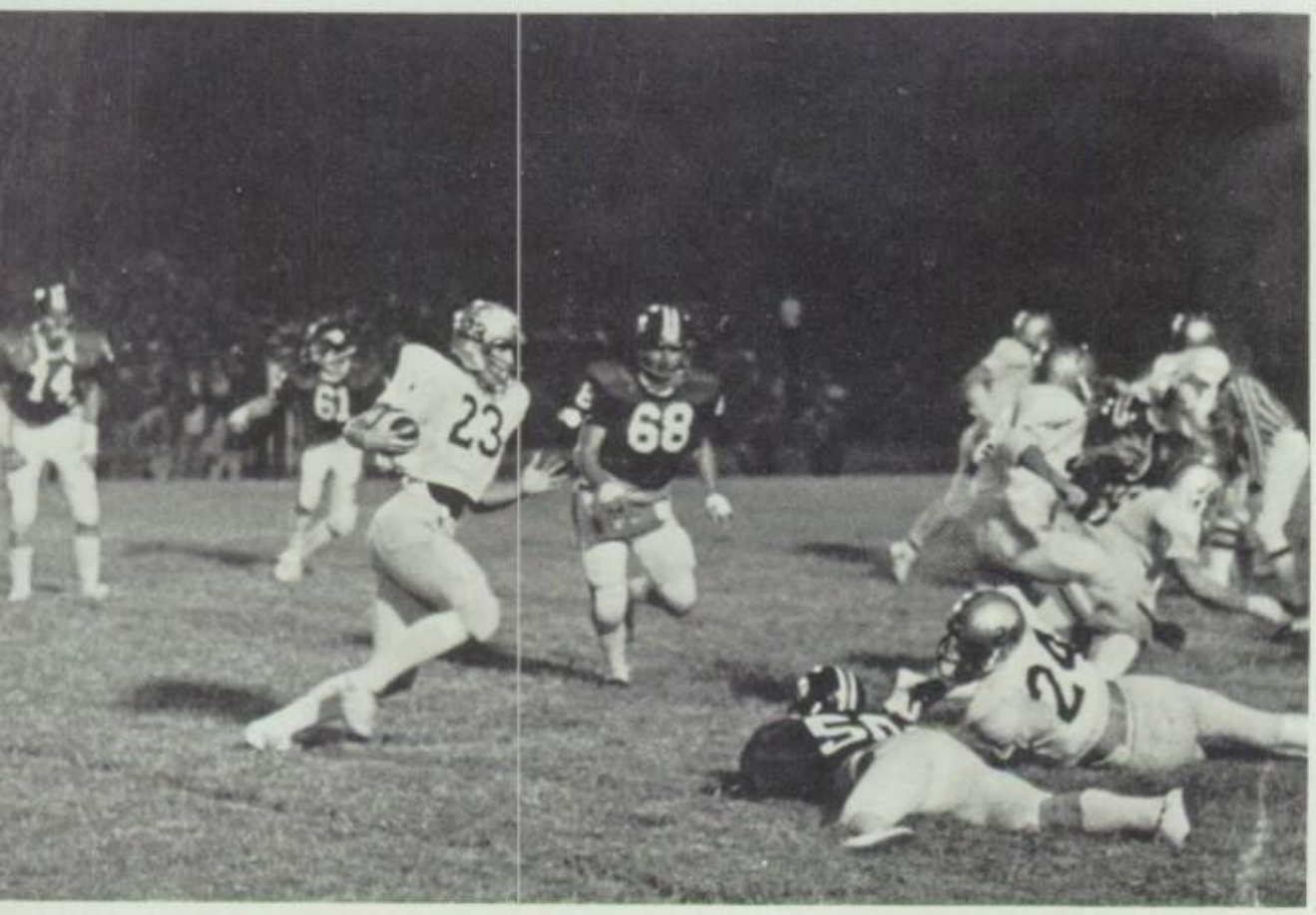


Opposite page—top left: Will Hamaker is caught in his favorite fishing hole. Top right: Bobby Craighead shows off on a warm afternoon. Far left: Jeff Guerriero gets in shape for competition. Middle: Fred Petty takes a tour on his bike. Bottom center: Henry Sneed, Andrea Weaks, Heather Fisher, and Chardelle Weaks take time out of practice to pose for a picture. Bottom: Amanda Caskey and Priscilla Brown sing at a Lambda Sigma Chi Style Show.
This page—top: Swimming is a way of staying in shape for Mike Linzel. Middle left: Kelly Hubenthal displays his skill on the surf board. Middle right: Todd Carter makes it from the mud. Bottom left: Mike Stinson rides his motorcycle in the woods. Bottom right: Merion Spence avidly practices her gymnastics.

Improved Mustangs Advance To State Semi-Finals

1st row: Fred Petty, Boyd Padgett, Ryan Sartor, Curtis Houston, Jeff Borden, Robbie Ellington, Tom Hamaker, Kelly White. 2nd row: Kelly Hubenthal, Ron Sloan, Eric Worthen, Billy Smith, Stephens Winters, Todd Mahaffey, Tim Vines, Tim Williams, Mark Dallalio. 3rd row: Stephen Gates, Will Sartor, Bradley Adair, Scott Bradford, Jim Wooldridge, Kevin Edwards, William Tosten, Donald Jones. 4th row: Roy Shotwell, Randy Pipes, Woody Ledbetter, Bobby Craighead, Stewart Gentry, Lee Jenkins.





Season Wrap-Up

JAMBOREE

The improving Mustangs beat Ridgedale 8-0 but were beaten by Riverfield 0-8. Discovering that the running attack would be the bulwark of the offense, R. O. outgashed both opponents on the ground.

CEDAR CREEK

Opening the 1978 season, the Mustangs fought a see-saw offensive battle against the Cougars of Cedar Creek. Woody Ledbetter aced 83 of the 420 yards totaled by the offense. Despite the Mustangs' offensive effort, the Cougars were victorious, 28-22.

CLAIBORNE

This game reflected the Mustang resiliency as the team trounced Claiborne, 30-6. Craighead scored two touchdowns; Scott Bradford and Ron Sloan each had one touchdown. Boyd Padgett scored three of the four conversion attempts.

SAM CROWE

Experiencing the first shut-out of the season, R. O. pummeled the Oak Grove yokals of Sam Crowe, 32-0. This was not a very exciting game, to say the least.

TENSAS

Losing to previously unscored upon Tensas, 20-14, the Mustangs prevailed in every way except the score. After being behind 13-0 in the first period, Craighead caught a pass from Bradley Adair, and Will Sartor scored from 1 yard out to give R. O. the lead, 14-13. This was not enough, however, as Tensas scored the winning touchdown late in the game.

TALLULAH

The Mustangs started district play by shutting out the Tallulah Trojans, 28-0. Craighead, Keith Gilley, and Ron Shemwell were the scoring trio in an offense that marched for over 300 yards. The defensive effort spoke for itself with Will Sartor having an exceptional night at fullback.

PRAIRIE VIEW

Homecoming was a sweet victory for the Mustangs as they ran over the Spartans, 44-8. Ron Sloan displayed an elaborate running ability when he alone ran for 331 yards and five touchdowns.

Opposite page–top left: Coach Boyles confers with Hubenthal and Tosten. Top right: captains Woody Ledbetter and Kelly Hubenthal decide to kick off. This page–top: "I'm the boss," says Coach Boyles. Middle: Will Sartor and William Tosten close down the end. Bottom: Looking for open field is Woody Ledbetter.

RO Wins 2-AA District Titl

RIVERFIELD

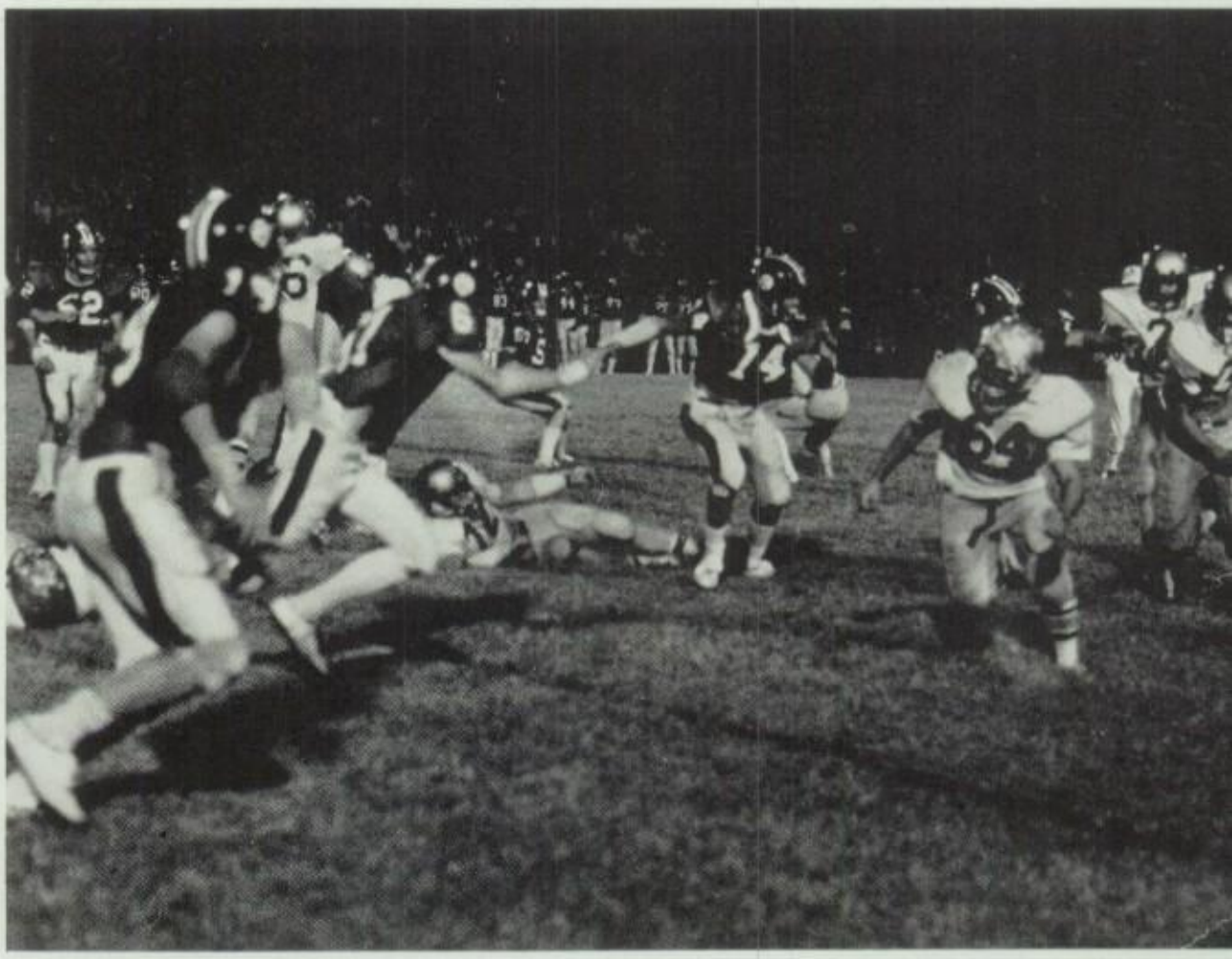
The most exciting game of the season saw the Mustangs terminate the Riverfield Raiders' 18-game winning streak with a 26-0 shut out. The Blue Crush defense displayed its strength with four sacks and three interceptions. Offensively, Adair led the Mustangs with precise execution that the Raiders found to be unstoppable. Will Sartor and Keith Gilley each scored touchdowns in the first half. Craighead started the second half with a 57-yard sprint for the third touchdown. Adair passed to Ledbetter for the last score that sent the Raiders home dejected. Kelly Hubenthal led the Blue Crush with three sacks.

BRIARFIELD

The first half of this game looked as if the Mustangs were headed for another sweeping district victory with Sloan and Craighead scoring touchdowns. On the other hand, the Rebels thought differently and came back strong in the second half. Closely, the Mustangs won 16-14 and clinched the District 2-AA title.

RIDGEDALE

Avenging a heartbreaking loss in 1977, River Oaks came on strong to whip Ridgedale 48-14 in a score-at-will effort. After two offensive plays, the Mustangs recorded over 100 yards on the ground and an 8-0 lead. Craighead, who had 104 yards on three carries, scored three touchdowns. Ledbetter, Sloan, and Keith Gilley also scored touchdowns. At second-string quarterback, Lee Jenkins threw a 96-yard touchdown pass to Shemwell.

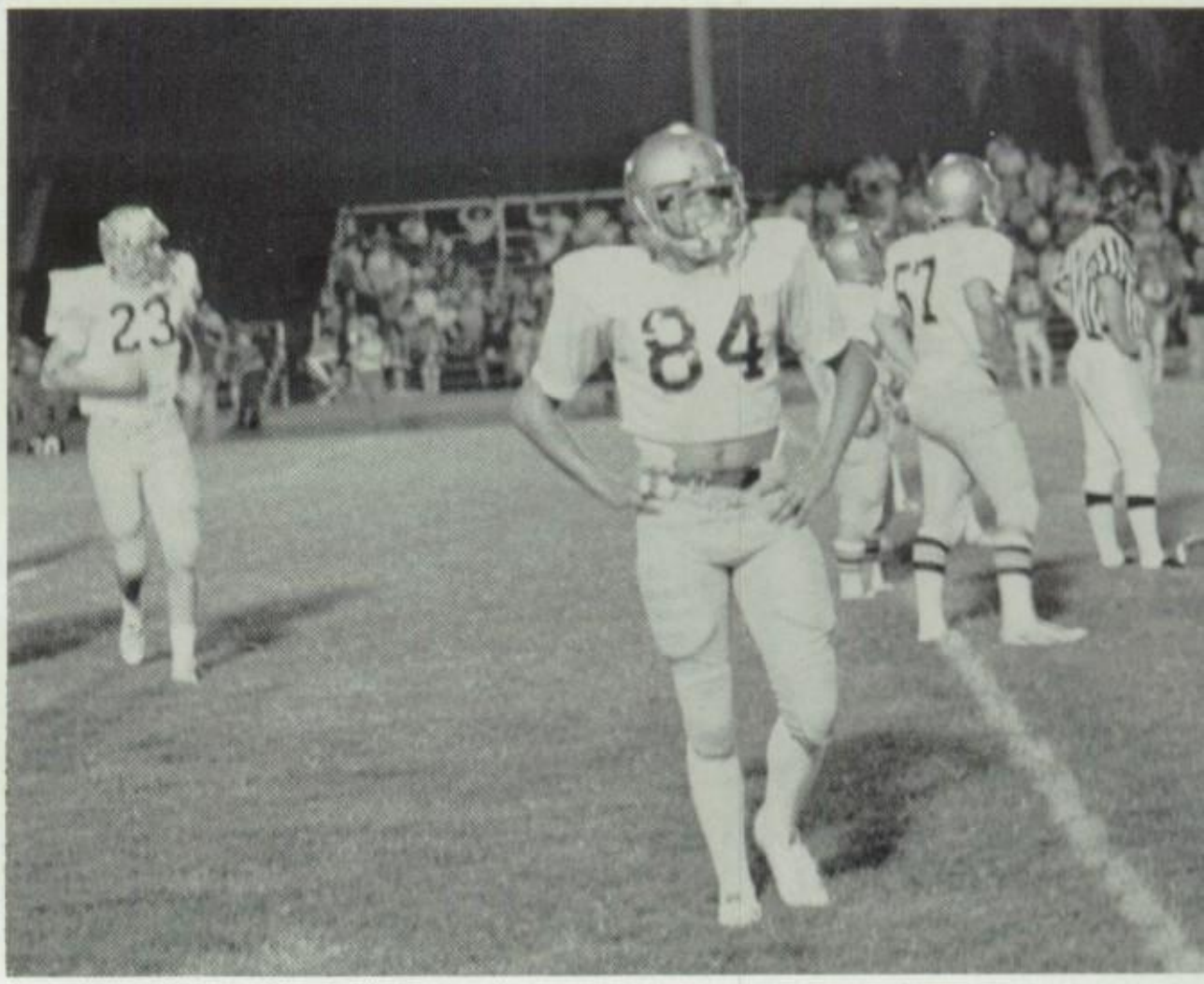


BELMONT

The first half of the first playoff game saw the Mustangs slip to an 8-6 trailing position. The long first-half score came on a 60-yard Adair to Tim Williams touchdown pass. In the second half, Craighead scored two touchdowns, and Adair hit Shemwell for the last score to ink a 28-8 victory.

SAM BARTHE

Ending the 1978 football season with a 19-12 defeat, the Mustangs lost to the Hornets of Sam Barthe in New Orleans. Adair scored first on a 2-yard plunge. With 2:38 left in the game, Craighead scored to put the Mustangs in the lead 12-7. However, the Hornets surged to score twice and to defeat the Mustangs 19-12.



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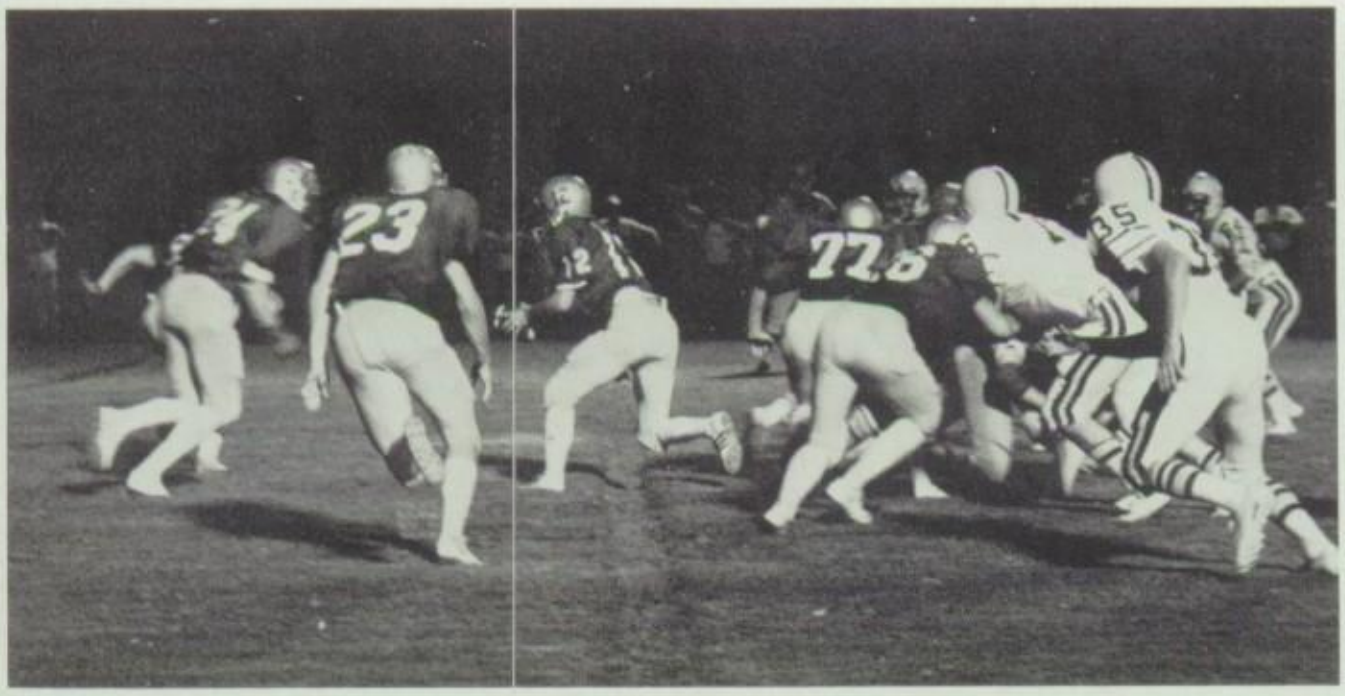
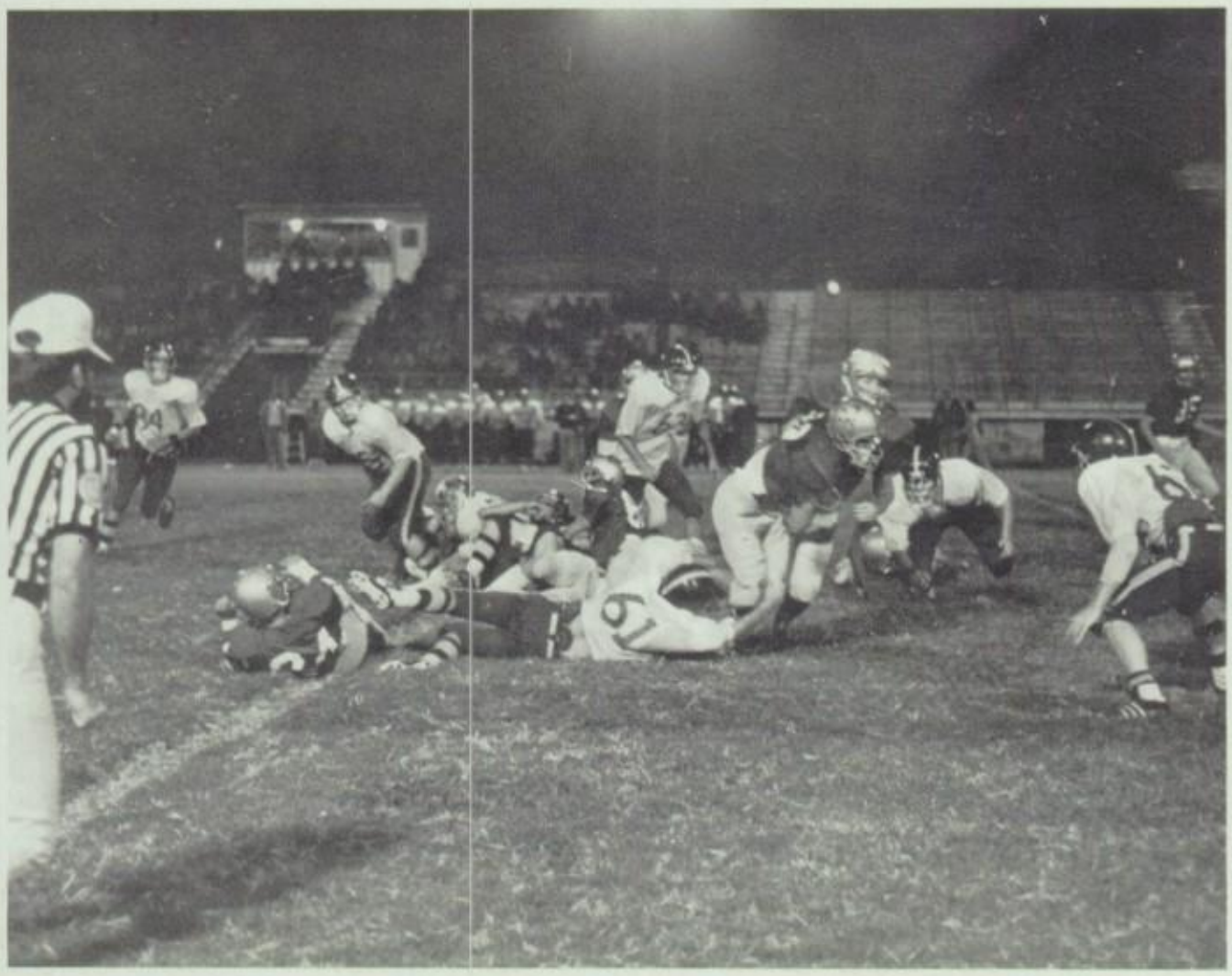
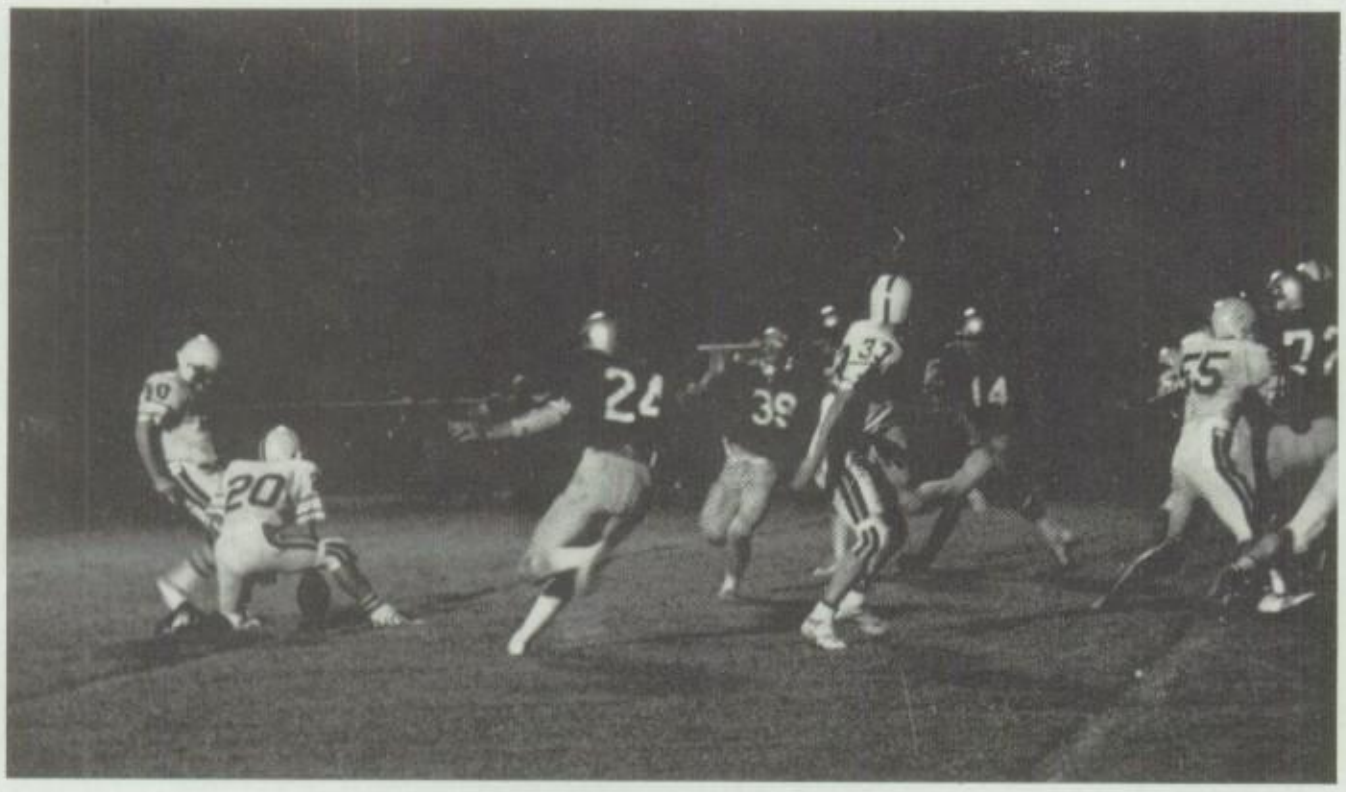


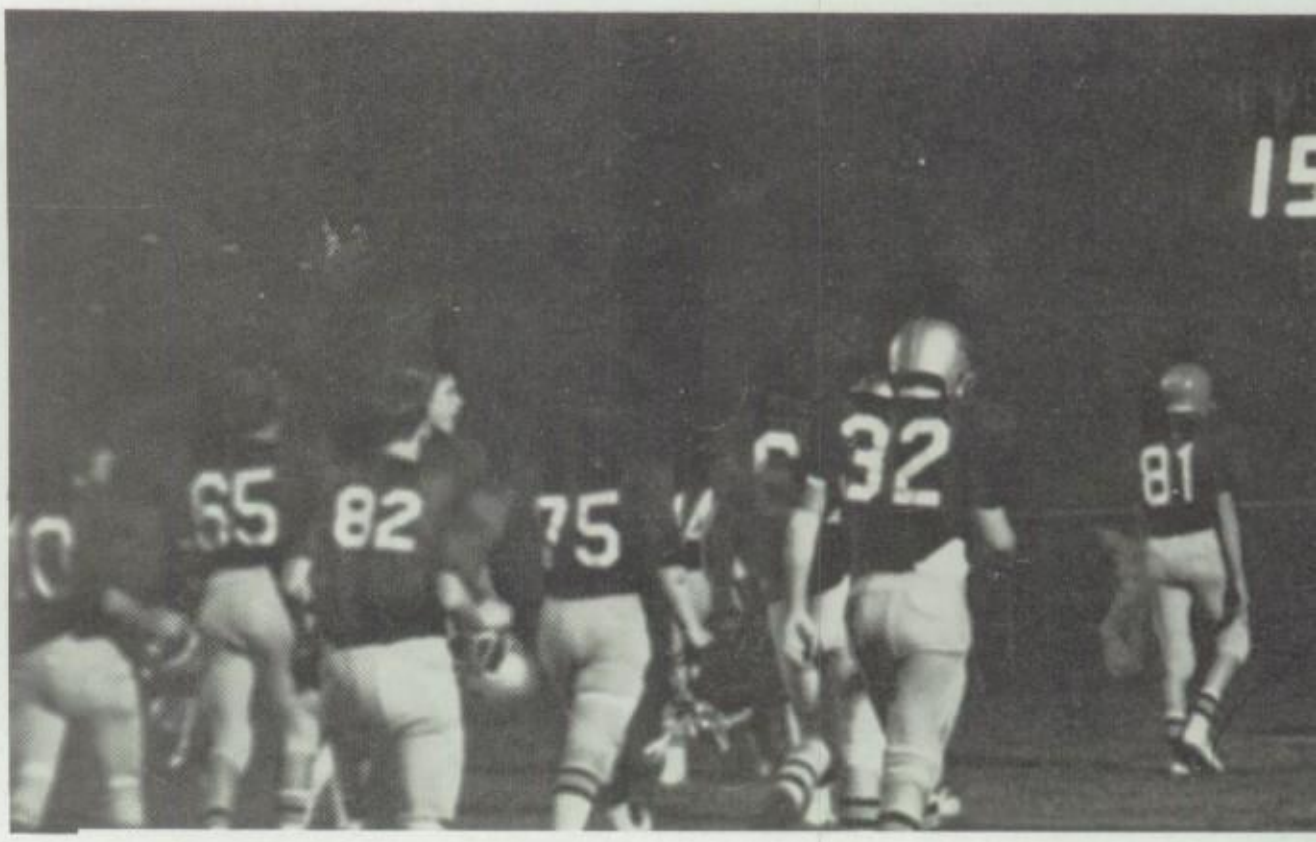


Opposite page—top right: Coach Boyles tells Craighead, "It's like this, son!" Top left: Behind a wall of blockers, Craighead scampers around end. Bottom: The Blue Crush prepares for battle. This page—top left: Craighead punts. Top right: Coach Boyles shows no emotions. Middle left: The Mustang offense moves in to star with the famed "Mustang Reverse." Middle right: Looking on in dismay is Bradley Adair. Bottom: Bulling his way through the Tallulah line is Will Sartor.

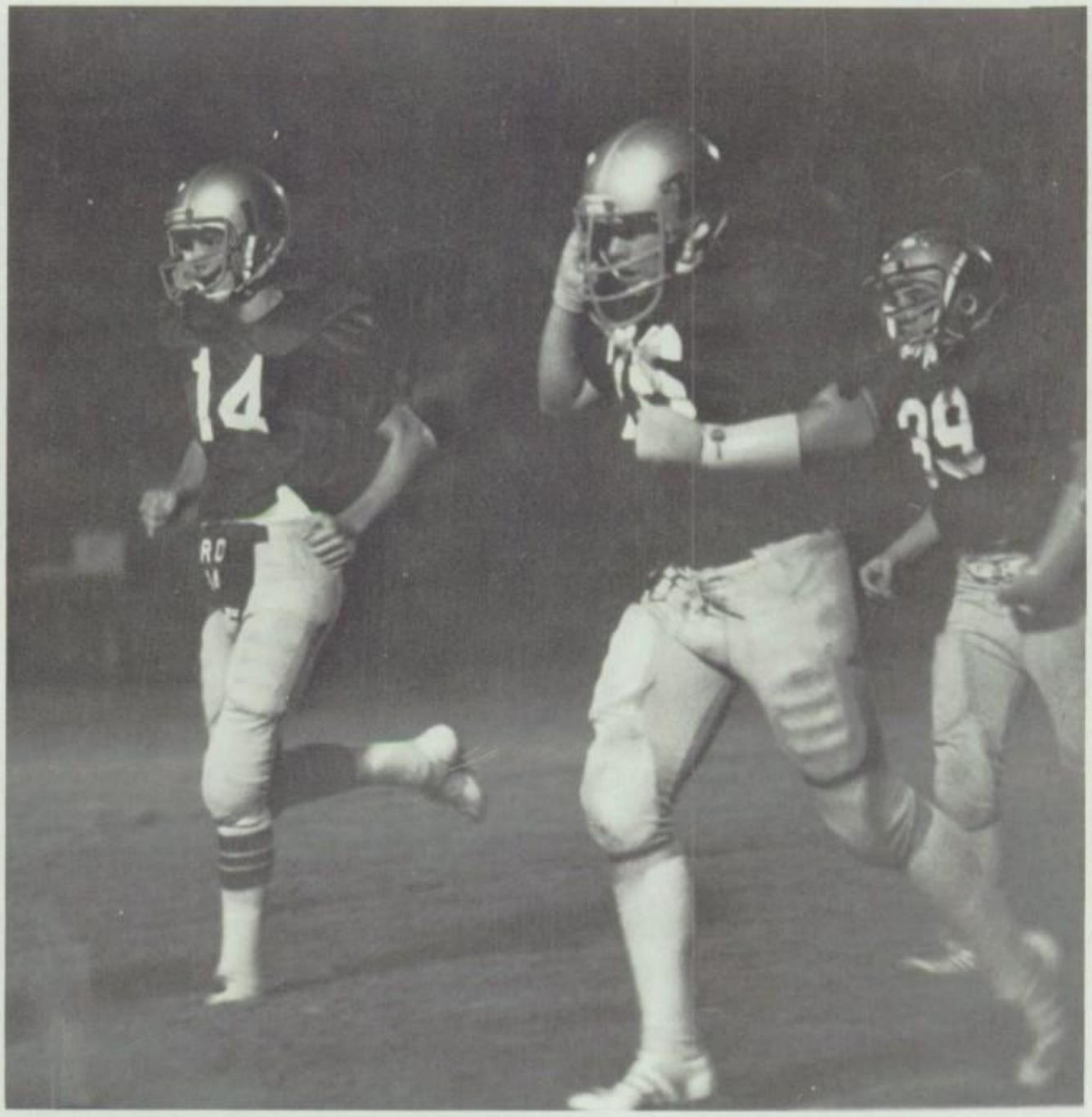
Sam Barthe Hornets Sting Mustangs



This page—top left: Bobby Craighead and Jeff Guerriero converge on field goal attempt. Center: Coach Boyles tells it as it is. Middle: A team prayer is said after the narrow victory at Briarfield. Bottom: The Mustangs head for the locker room. Opposite page—top: Several Mustangs head for the sidelines. Middle: Bobby Craighead travels for paydirt. Bottom: The Blue Crush prevails.



In New Orleans Showdown

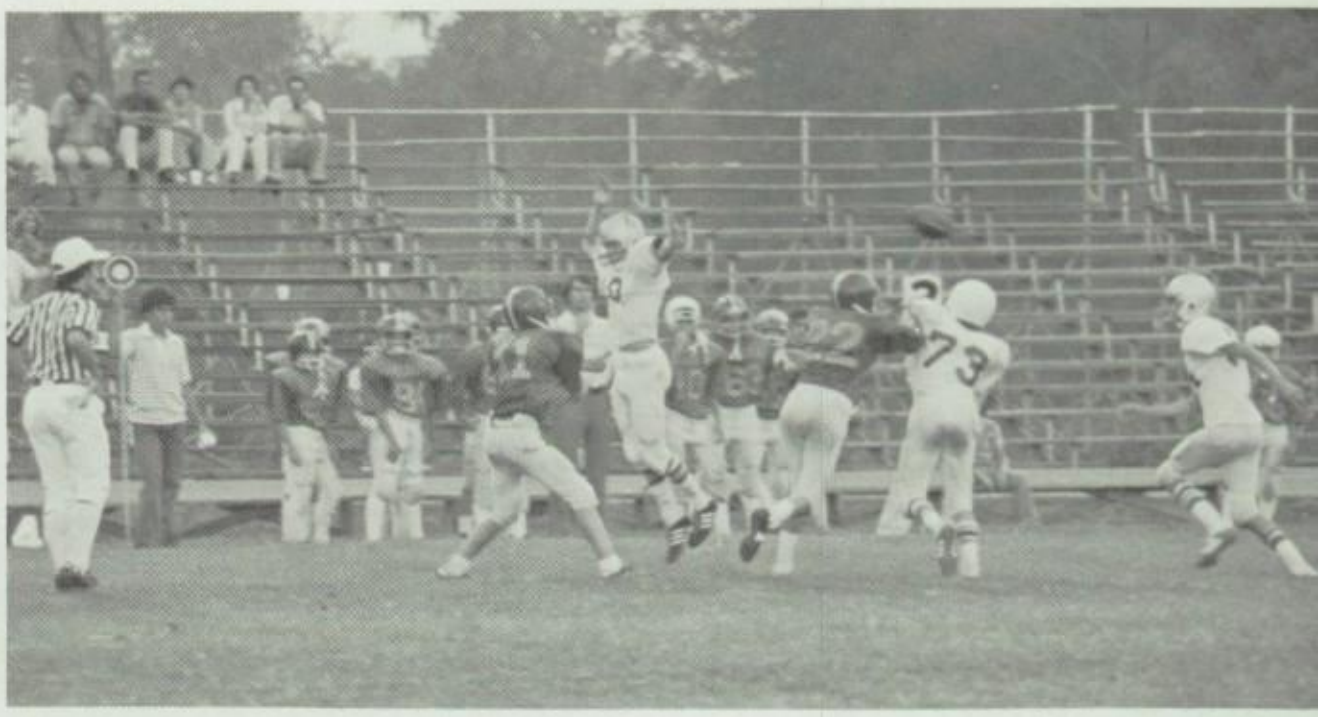


Junior High Ponies Learn Fundamentals

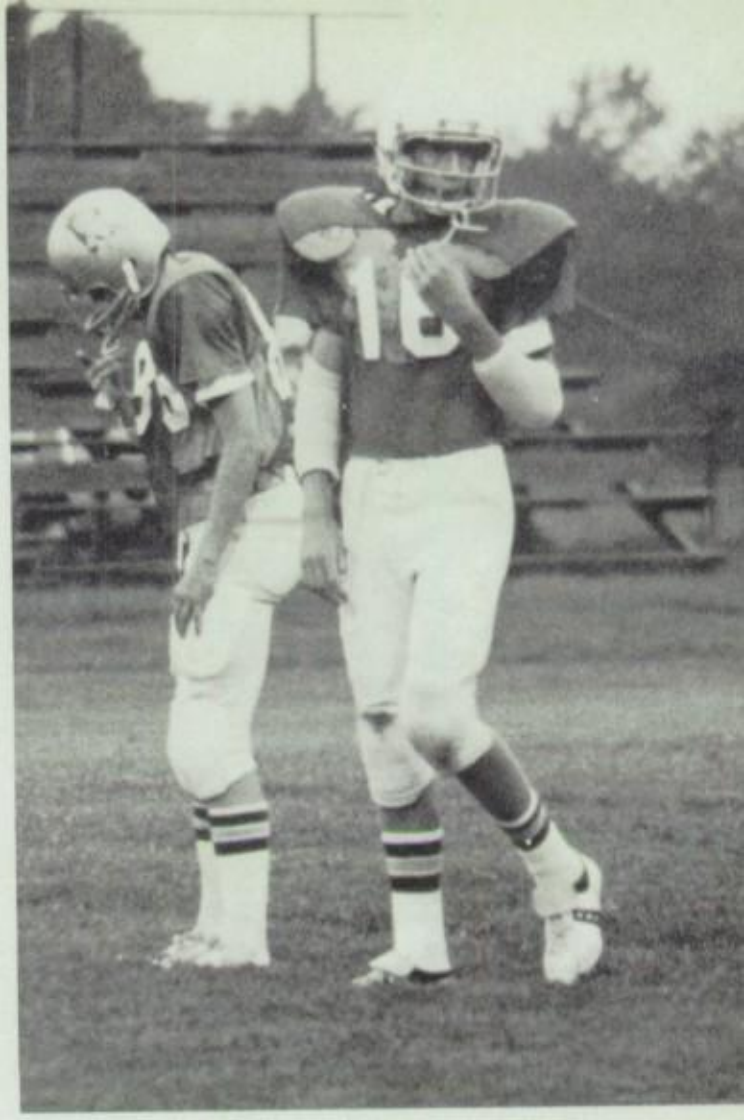
The Junior High football team, composed of mostly 7th and 8th graders, suffered from inexperience in the 1978 season but showed great improvement, ending with a 3-5 record.

The ninth grade standouts were led by Fred Huenefeld, who played well on offense and defense. Conrad Mingledorff and Brian Brown each had an outstanding season at offensive ends; the defensive line was held together by Wes Shafto and Jimmy Miller.

Looking toward the '79 season, Walter Sartor and Clay Shemwell were expected to have a fine season, according to Coach Glen Venator. They each played very well, both offensively and defensively in '78.



1st row: Edward Seymour, Charles Whitaker, Thad Ryan, Dickie Culpepper, Jay Davis, Jay Bassett, Troy McCullen, Davie West, Eric Womack Joby Ledoux, Jack McCants, Doug Norman, Jim Culpepper. 2nd row: Mike Stinson, Monte Luffey, Clint Thompson, John Mitchell, Mik Cummings, Stephen Harrison, Jon Bradford, Harris Brown, Coleman Rowland, Kevin Adams, Rob Stewart, David Vines. 3rd row: Coac Kamerman, Michael Bennett, Colin Williams, Conrad Mingledorff, Clay Shemwell, Brian Brown, Jimmy Miller, Frederick Huenefeld, Wes Shafto Thomas Sartor, Walter Sartor, Tommy Jackson, Cole Padgett, Coach Venator.



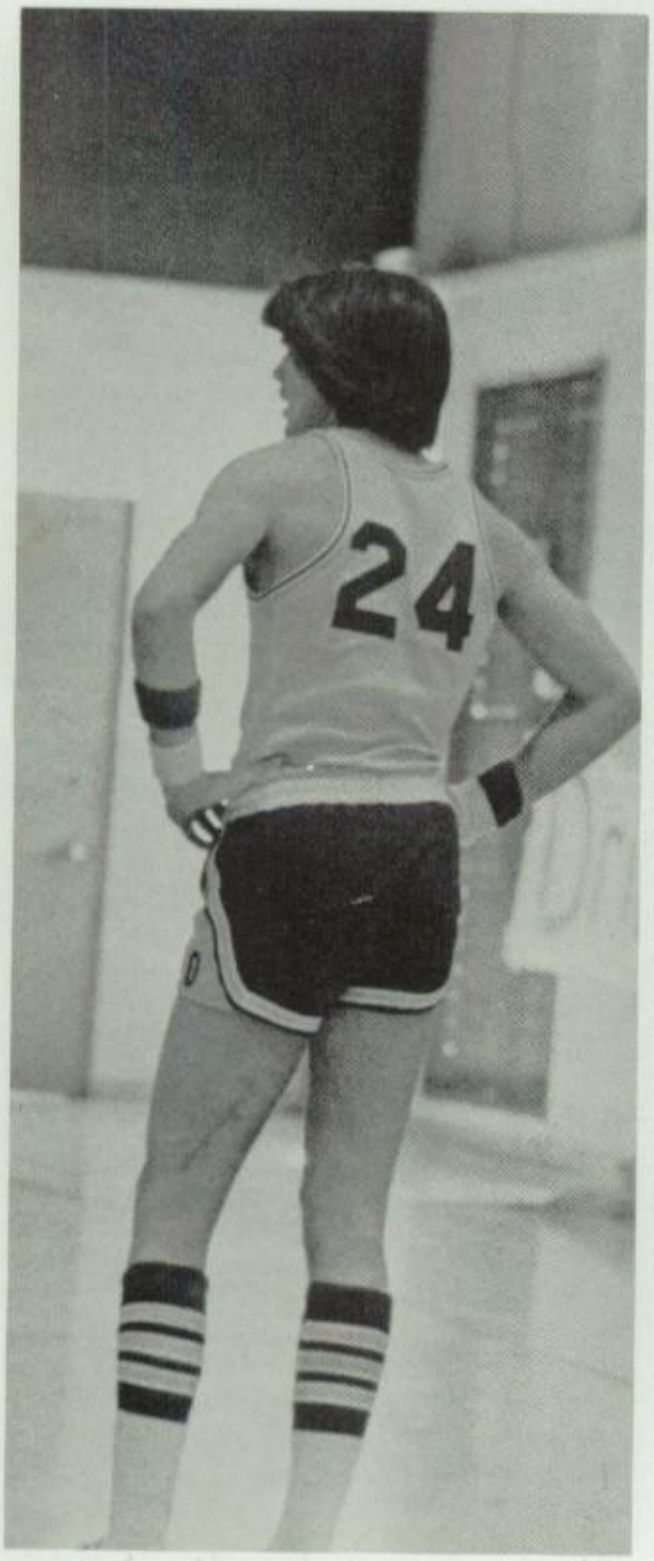
Opposite page—top right: Cole Padgett looks for day light. Middle left: Speedy Shemwell is out in front. Middle right: The defense performs. This page—top left: Referee looks on as offense prepares to charge. Top right: Frederick gets signals from the bench. Upper middle: Two Mustangs prepare a Raider sandwich. Lower middle: Second string, third string . . . Bottom left: "We're ready. Come on." Bottom right: Shemwell takes a blow.

Varsity Boys Go To Bench

After losing four starters to graduation in 1978, the varsity basketball team of 1979 had a tough time. Since football season was prolonged by playoffs, most of the basketball team practiced only once before the first game. This caused a slow start with four quick losses before entering the winning column. With a final record of 5-16, the year might be successfully tagged as a "rebuilding" one.

Bobby Craighead, who averaged 13 points, and Woody Ledbetter, who averaged 12 points, were the only All-District players for River Oaks. Bradley Adair and Edel Blanks also were stand-outs, averaging 10 and 7 points, respectively.

With sophomores Lee Jenkins, Curtis Houston, Pete Trinca, and Norman Bagwell, and juniors Bobby Craighead and Fred Petty seeing action and getting much experience this year, next year should see a much improved Mustang Basketball team.

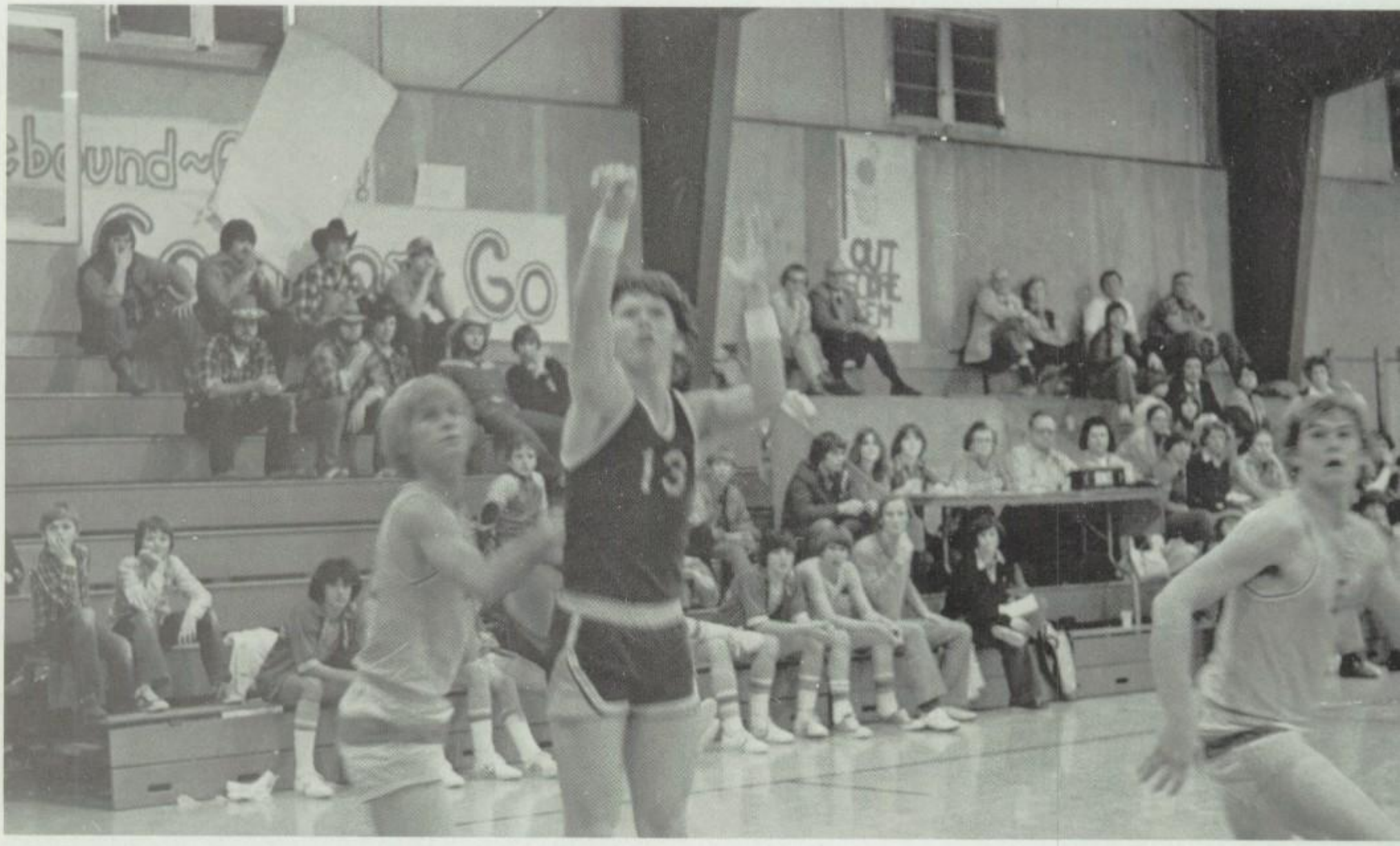


For Underclassmen Material

Opposite page—top right: Adair and Ledbetter travel down court. Bottom left: Craighead lines up for free throw. Bottom right: Jenkins eyes man with ball. This page—top: Jenkins sticks to his man. Right: Ledbetter attempts a block.

Kneeling: Bill Smith. Standing: Coach Steve Kamerman, William Tosten, Pete Trinca, Norman Bagwell, Edel Blanks, Fred Petty, Woody Ledbetter, Bradley Adair, Bobby Craighead.

Craighead, Ledbetter Named To



LISA 2-AA District Team

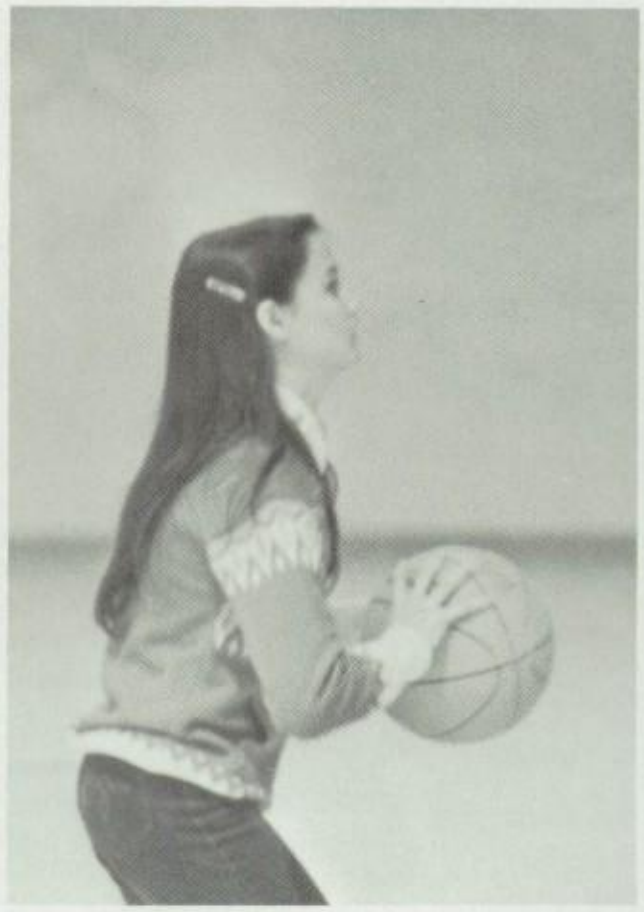
Opposite page—top: Bradley Adair fires from the outside. Bottom left: Bobby Craighead, Norman Bagwell, and Bradley Adair prepare for the game. Bottom right: Curtis Houston from behind. This page—top: Lee Jenkins and Bobby Craighead reach for a rebound. Bottom left: Pete Trinca experiences the pre-game syndrome. Bottom right: Lee Jenkins makes contact.

Through Improvement Varsity Girls

Although not having a season to cheer about, the girls' varsity basketball team did improve. For example, their 3-21 record was an improvement over last year's record, and one of those wins was a district game.

Coach Hardy is looking forward to another improving season next year with Missy Webb, Clare Durrett, Elizabeth Edwards, Nancy Lary, Mary K. Rabun, and Kristen Anderson returning.

The girls did have their share of standouts. Missy Webb and Elizabeth Edwards, the All-District picks, were the leading scorers averaging 12 and 9 points, respectively. Lea Thompson and Nancy Lary were the leading rebounders. Julie Gates led the team in steals and tie balls.

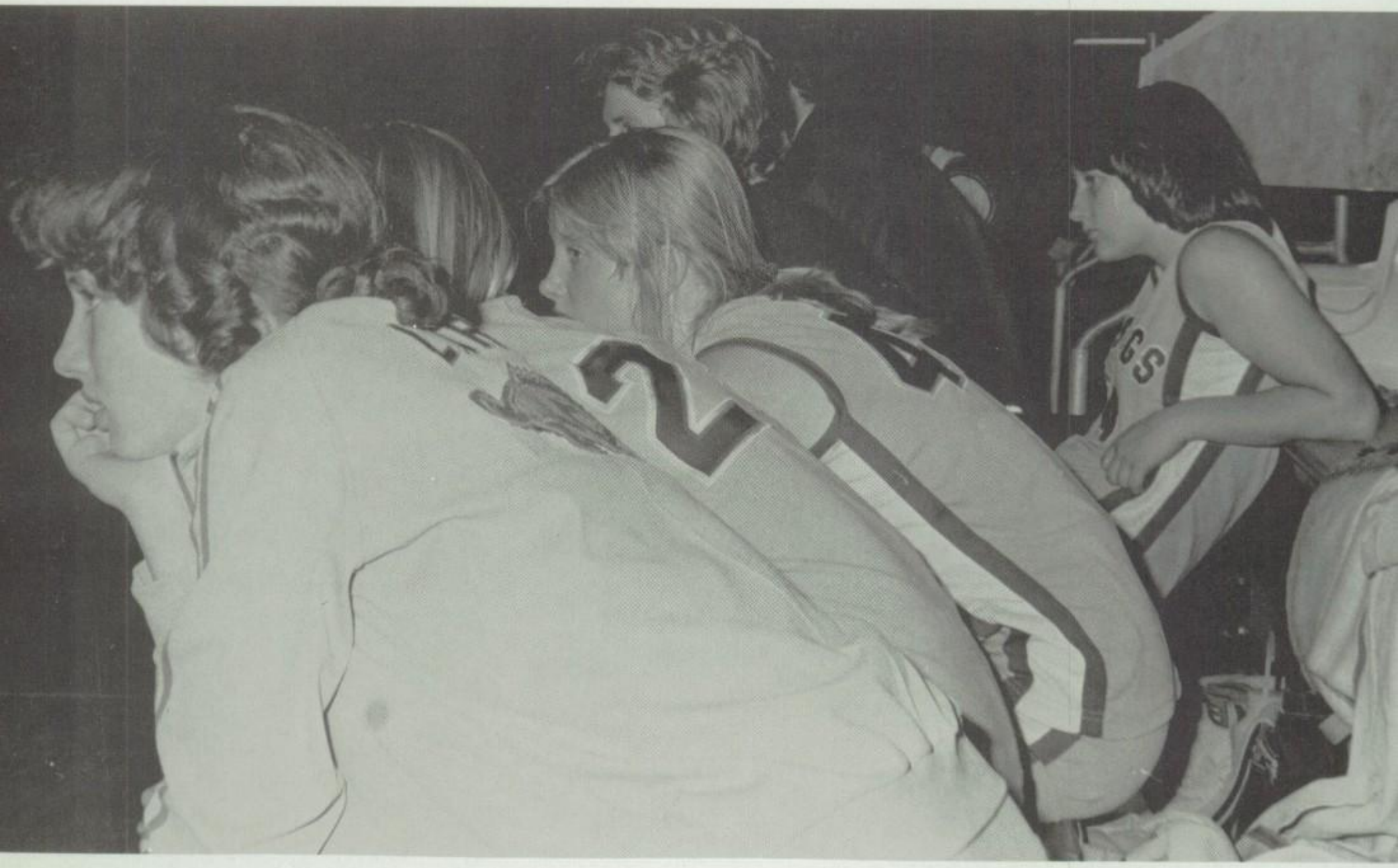


Clinch Second In RO Tournament

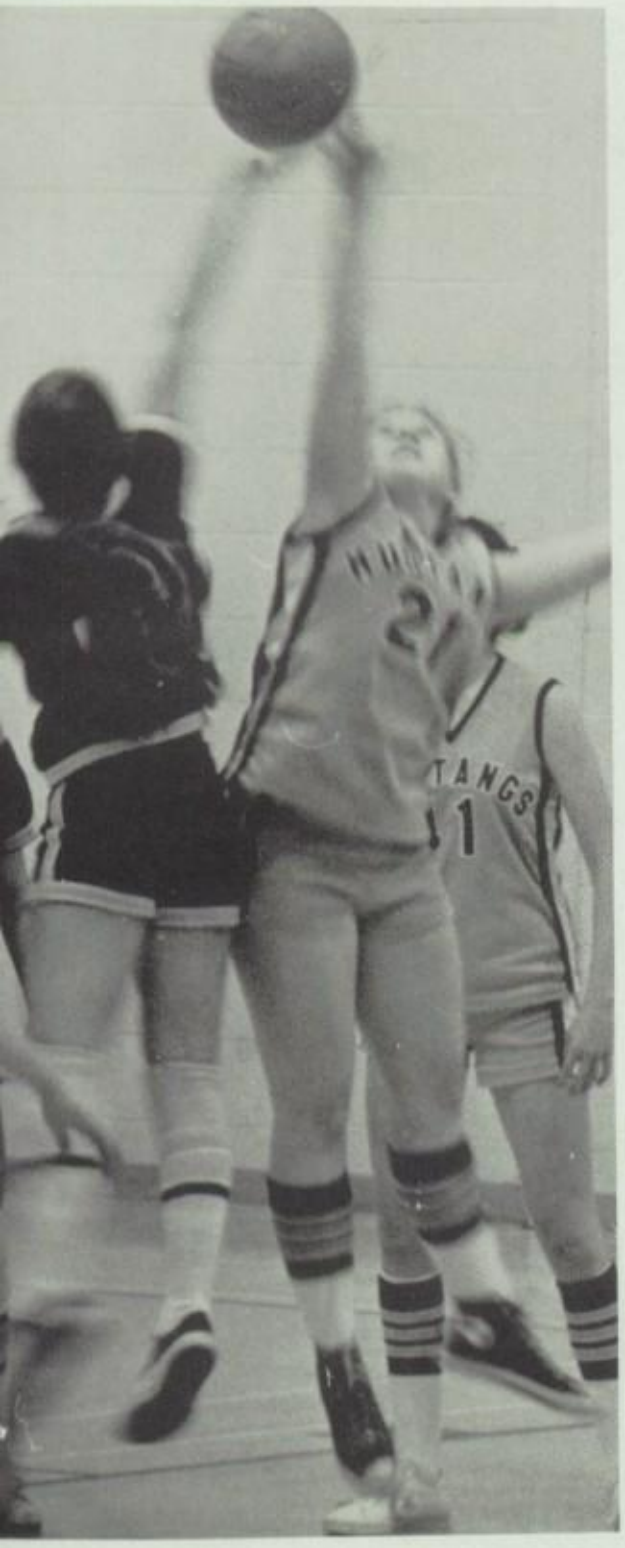
This page—top left: Edwards reaches for fleeing ball. Top right: Missy rejectedly walks off the court. Opposite page—top left: Edwards practices during P. E. Top right: Lary comes out of the game. Middle left: Thompson screens for Gates. Middle right: Mustang offense penetrates Prairie View defense. Bottom: Mustangs struggle for a comeback.

Elizabeth Edwards, Terri Rosenburg, Kristen Anderson, Lea Thompson, Nancy Lary, Julie Gates, Clare Durrett, Missy Webb, Coach Camile Hardy.

Lady Mustangs Noted Fo



Competitive First Halves



Opposite page—top: Anxious bench looks on. Bottom: Edwards outruns defense. This page—top left: Gates outjumps defense. Middle: Missy lays it up for two. Top right: Thompson tries to help Edwards. Bottom left: Mustang defense holds them out. Bottom right: Lary intimidates offense.

Huenefeld Leads Jr. High

Coach Venator's first season to coach basketball was a big success. His junior high Mustangs sported a 14-8 record and took a trip to the state playoffs.

Led by a group of fine freshmen, the team placed 2nd in the Sam Crowe Tournament and 1st in the Tallulah Tournament. Frederick Huenefeld led the team in scoring with 528 points on the season which is 24 points per game.

This page–top: Boys hustle down for offense. Bottom left: Walter Sartor shows team spirit. Bottom right: Frederick Huenefeld and Brian Brown receive MVP award at the Tallulah Tournament. Opposite page–top left: Thompson looks on. Top right: Brian Brown gets the rebound. Middle left: Mustangs receive first place award at the Tallulah tourney.

Mustangs To State Play-offs

First row: Coach Venator, Michael Bennett, John Dimos, Kendal Lanningham, Fred Huenefeld, Walter Sartor, Brian Brown, Clint Thompson.
Second row: Ken Vines, David Vines, J. Altick, Cole Padgett, Scott Phillips, Troy McCullen, Harlin Dean, Billy Ellis.

Coach Barr Stresses Teamwork

Coach Candy Barr of the junior high girls' basketball team taught the basics and discovered that fundamentals and a teamwork attitude made a good basis for a young athlete to build upon.

Coach Barr coached each player to achieve her potential in each part of basketball. She explained, "Many times, players will have their 'best game' without being high scorer—meaning points do not tell the whole story!"

Since no girl really stood out on the junior high girls' basketball team in 1979, playing as a team meant that the five starters had about the same number of points. Coach Barr felt that the team's best team effort was against Riverfield. In that game, Ann Harrop was high scorer with 8 points; Elizabeth Johnston and Allyson Ray each had 6 points; and Blair Cudd and Susan Gates followed with 5 and 4 points, respectively.

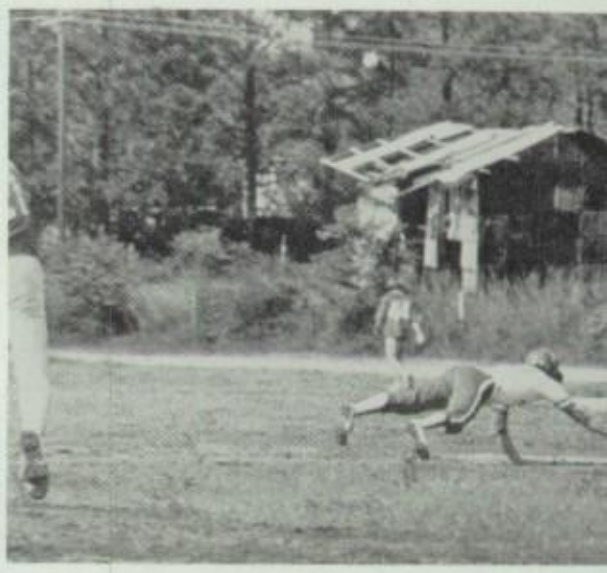
With Coach Candy Barr, the junior high girls learned enough to build upon in the coming years—both in their individual skills and their appreciation of team unity.

And Attitude To Jr. High Girls

Opposite page—bottom left: Ann Harrop blows a bubble while getting ready to rebound. Top right: Junior high girls display tough defense. Middle: Cheryl Parker jumps for the ball. Bottom right: Rosemary takes a rest. This page—top left: Susan Gates passes the ball. Top middle: Susan Gates looks to Coach Barr for advice. Middle: Diana Gentry, Cheryl Parker, and Racheal Huenfeld pose with tournament trophy.

Cheryl Parker, Blair Cudd, Elizabeth Johnston, Ann Ware, Cindy Bradley, Rosemary Upshaw, Ann Harrop, Diana Gentry, Jennifer Stephens, Susan Gates, Sophie Blanks.

Baseball Team Tries Ernestly t



Hold Up in Tough District Roster

A youthful River Oaks baseball team experienced a disappointing rebuilding year, falling short of .500 once again with five wins and seven losses. Baseball opened with an arousing 4—0 slate with victories over East Union, Sam Crowe, Franklin, and perennial champions Ridgedale. However, the Mustangs experienced an almost incredible slump, losing the rest of the remaining games with the exception of forfeits from Sam Crowe and Prairie View.

Outstanding performers for the Mustangs were Kelly White, batting champion; Fred Petty, most improved and Mark Dallalio, most valuable.

By the end of the season, most all of the baseballers were playing out of position after team injuries and a lack of able pitchers. Coming from the bench this year for the Mustangs were William Tosten, Woody Ledbetter, Bill Smith, and Ansel Smith, who put forth valiant efforts to help patch the ailing Mustangs.

After the loss of seniors Mark Dallalio, William Tosten, Brooks Hamaker, Bradley Adair, and Woody Ledbetter, it is hoped that the extra experience gained in playing out of position will aid a veteran baseball squad next season.

Opposite page—top left: Scott Bradford, Jeff Bordon, Bill Smith, and Fred Petty pose for pre—game picture. Top right: Batting champion Kelly White rests between innings. Far left: Mark Dallalio in his most valuable Jeff Borden, Kelly White, Bill Smith, Ansel Smith. Back row—plate. Bottom: Front row—Mark Dallalio, Fred Petty. Second row: Jeff Borden, Kelly White, Bill Smith, Ansel Smith. Back row— Scott Bradford, Lee Jenkins, Woody Ledbetter, Brooks Hamaker, Coach Steve Kamerman.

Boys' Track Team Takes Honor

At District And Advances to State

The 1979 River Oaks Mustang track season yielded the best track team in RO history. Coached by Glen Venator, the Mustangs ran, jumped, and threw their way to thirdplace in District 2AA.

Sprinters were Curtis Houston, Jeff Guerriero, Bobby Craighead, Boyd Padgett, Lee Jenkins, Tim Williams, Ron Sloan, and Woody Ledbetter. Coach Venator found a 400 and 880 meter relay team and numerous 100 and 200 meter dashers from this list.

In the middle distance category, Lee Jenkins, Randy Pipes, Fred Petty, and Todd Carter formulated a great two—mile relay team and placed second in district and qualified for state.

Mickey Masur ran the mile and two mile until he suffered a bad muscle pull after the first two meets.

The low hurdler, Will Sartor, ran the 180 low hurdles and the 120 highs.

Field events saw Randy Pipes, high jumping; Woody Ledbetter, long and triple jumping; Keith Gilley and Fred Petty, discus; and Will Sartor, Keith Gilley, and William Tosten, shot—put.

The 1979 Mustangs added the mile relay to their talents. Ron Sloan, Tim Williams, Fred Petty, and Woody Ledbetter were the four who dared and went undefeated until the state meet where the team came in second by inches after dropping the baton. Chosen to represent Louisiana in the Southeastern Spring Sports Events held in Jackson, the mile relay team came in second there.

Woody Ledbetter, who was undefeated in Louisiana in the long jump, triple jump, and 400 meter dash, went to Jackson to place third in both of his jumps and second in the 400 meter dash.

This page——top left: Todd Carter and Randy Pipes are close to the end of the mile run. Top right: Woody Ledbetter exerts the exact force to finish first. Middle left: Bobby Craighead tries to pass opponents. Middle right: After a grueling mile run Woody Ledbetter collapses into Tim William's arms. Bottom: Fred Petty prepares to hurl the discus. Opposite page——top left: Ron Sloan anticipates the fire of the gun. Top right: Will Sartor prepares to hurdle. Bottom: 1979 Boy's Track Team: Front row——Curtis Houston, Boyd Padgett, Woody Ledbetter. Back row——Jeff Guerriero, Lee Jenkins, Keith Gilley, Bradley Adair, Mark Dallalio, Tim Williams, Will Sartor, Ron Sloan, Todd Carter.

Mahaffey Leads Track Team

The R.O. Girls' track team performed very well in the 1979 season. The girls took first place in two River Oaks' meets and did surprisingly well for a young team in other meets. Aimee Spence was the outstanding participant in field events, while Suzanne Mahaffey was the outstanding runner. Mahaffey, also, took second in both the 100— and 220—yard dashes at the district meet at Louisiana Tech.

Julie Gates placed fifth in the 440—yard dash while the team of Missy Webb, Aimee Spence, Caroline Carter, and Laura Petty placed fifth in the 440—yard relay.

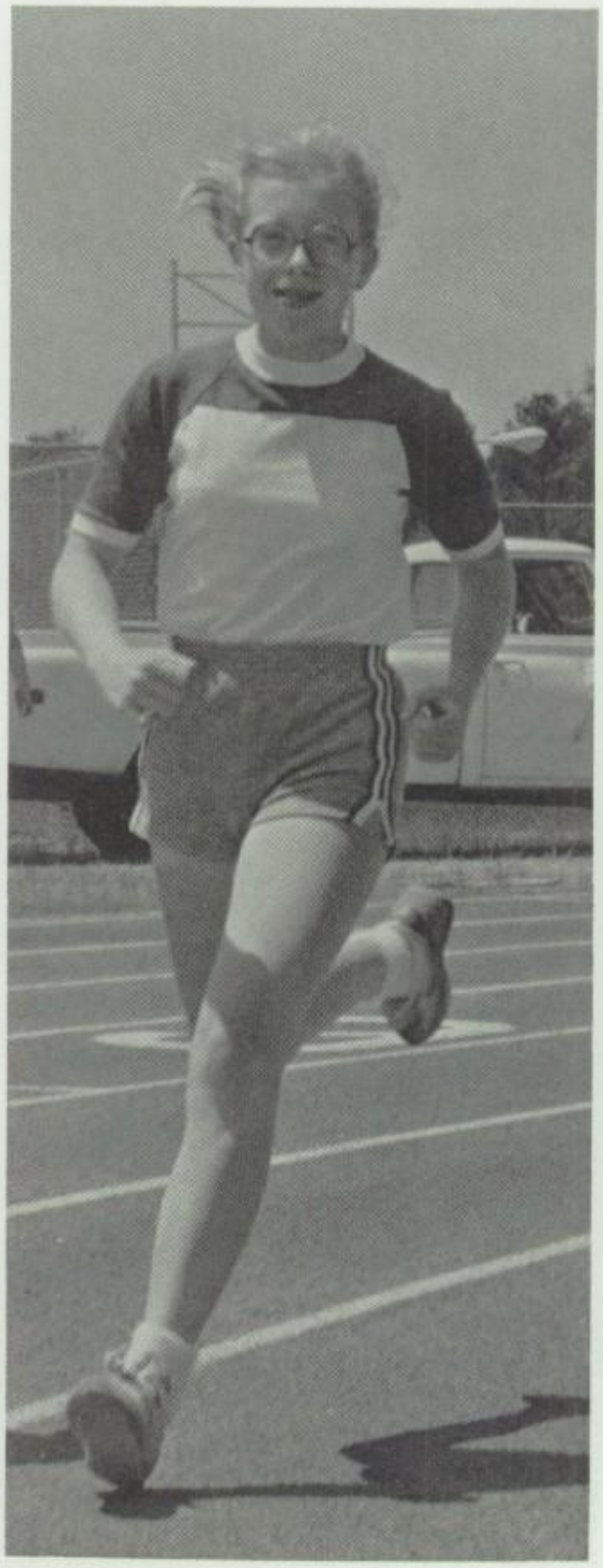
Placing second in 100—yard dash at the state meet, Suzanne Mahaffey qualified to go on to tri—state, which was held in Jackson, Mississippi. Suzanne performed miraculously at tri-state, but the competition from other states was just too much.

This page—top left: Missy Webb clears the hurdle and moves on to the next. Top right: Suzanne Mahaffey runs a close first. Middle: Aimee Spence pauses for the camera. Bottom: 1979 Girls' Track Team: Front row: Miss Hardy, Aimee Spence, Ellen Cole, Beth Stewart, Elise Davidson, Missy Webb, Julie Gates. Top Row: Terri Rosenberg, Suzanne Mahaffey, Laura Petty, Caroline Carter. Opposite page—top left: Terri Rosenberg and Julie Gates discuss the coming race. Top right: Miss Hardy clocks another one. Middle left: Elise Davidson, Beth Stewart, and Andrea Weaks cross the field for their run. Middle right: Ellen Cole begins her run in 880-relay. Bottom: Laura Petty and Caroline Carter goof-off.

To District and State Meets

Jr. High Track Team Starts Ou

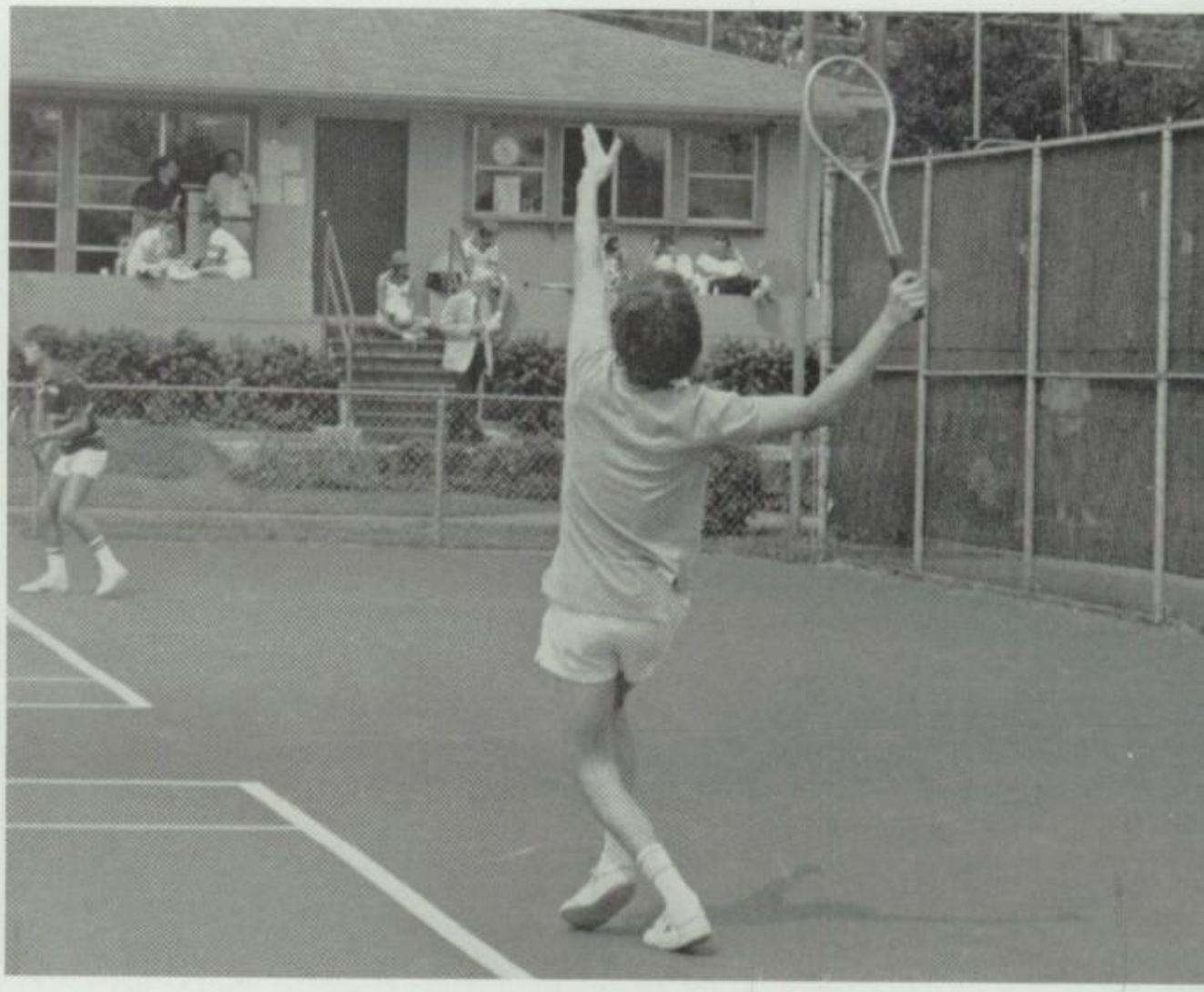
This page——top left: Susan Gates shows superb form in running. Top right: Blair Cudd squints into the sunlight. Bottom left: Sophia Blanks giggles during the last lap. Bottom right: 1979 Jr. High Girls' Track Team: Front row: Miss Camile Hardy, Jessica Kleppinger, DeeDee Melton, Blair Cudd, Ann Ware. Top row: Neville Shafto, Julie Johnston, Susan Gates, Sophia Blanks, Tonya Stewart. Opposite page—— top left: Lisa Turpin shows the struggle of running. Top right: Time keeper clocks runners. Bottom: Julie Johnston, Neville Shafto. Top: Lisa Turpin, Sophia Blanks, Susan Gates, Tonya Stewart.



Young and Enthusiastic For RO

The junior high track team's first year proved to be quite successful for the River Oaks thinclads as they placed second in two of the RO meets. Coach Camile Hardy was well—pleased with the girls' performances as many placed in each meet. In the 100-yd. dash, DeeDee Melton placed second, and Blair Cudd came in fourth while DeeDee and Susan Gates placed third and fifth respectively in 220—yd. dash. In the 440— yd. dash, Neville Shafto placed third while Tonya Stewart placed fourth. The team of Tonya Stewart, Susan Gates, Jessica Kleppinger, and Neville Shafto placed second in the 880—relay. Other track team members were Ann Ware, Chardelle Weaks, Sophia Blanks, Julie Johnston, and Lisa Turpin.

Blanks And Jones Represent

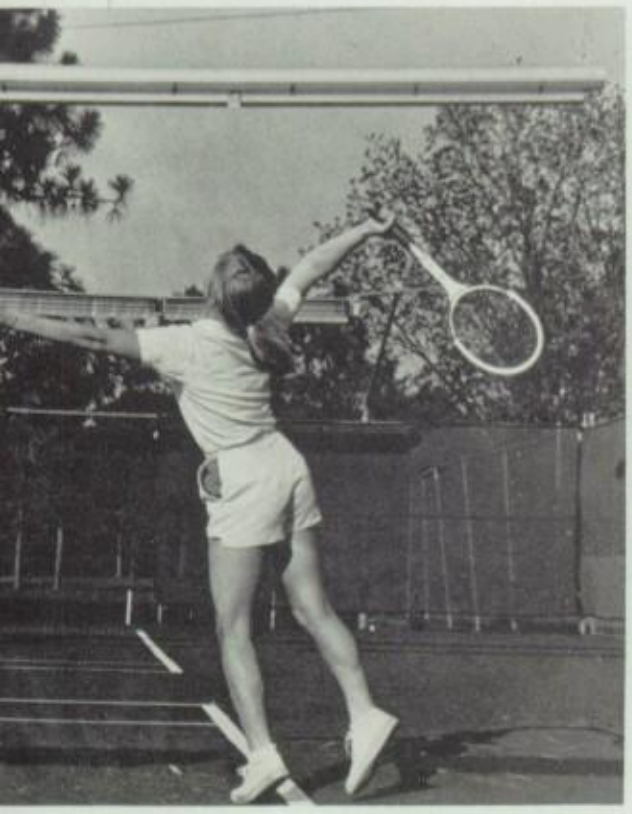


Through tremendous effort, the River Oaks' tennis team kept its competitive reputation in district play in 1979. The team's overall record was 4—1, losing only one match to First Baptist. Coached by Mrs. Judy Worthen, the team moved to the Northern Regionals in Shreveport, where the doubles teams of Edel Blanks and Donald Jones and Priscilla Brown and Diana Gentry qualified for the State tournament. At the state tournament in Shreveport, Blanks and Jones took second to First Baptist, qualifying them for Tri—state. There, the dynamic doubles team made it to the semi—finals.

This page— top left: Ann Burgoyne returns a shot at the Bayou DeSiard Country Club. Top right: Edel Blanks prepares to smash a serve at the state tennis meet. Right: Diana Gentry takes a "breather." Bottom: Lea Thompson displays affection to Donald Jones.

Opposite page: top left: Clare Durrett displays perfect form. Top right: Jan Burgoyne decides to take a "breather." Center left: J. Altick gets ready for the serve at the state tennis meet. Center right: Coach Worthen endures the cold tennis weather. Bottom: Bottom row: Wendy Windsor, Elizabeth Sartor, Betsy Ellis. Middle row: Diana Gentry, Clare Durrett, Priscilla Brown, Shannon McCormick, Ann Burgoyne, Shirley Kusin, Jan Burgoyne. Top row: Lea Thompson, J. Altick, Donald Jones, Pete Trinca, Frederick Huenefeld, Edel Blanks, Eric Worthen, William Tosten, Mrs. Worthen.

RO In State And Tri—State Matches



Size Does Not Hinde

Winning was the name of the game for the River Oaks' golf team. Chip Norman displayed his outstanding talent in qualifying to play in Tri— State competition. Coached by Dorthea Garrett, the golfers were distinctively one of the toughest teams around. Players for the 1979 team were Chip Norman, Norman Bagwell, Stephen Gates, Stuart Brown, Ron Shemwell, Clay Shemwell, and Nat Smith. Having a young team is usually a handicap, but the Mustangs brought home four first—place trophies and two unabashed second—place prizes.

They represented River Oaks in state and regional competition. The highlight of the year was Stuart Brown's hitting a rare hole—in—one. All the players were recognized at the All—Sports Banquet, and Chip Norman was named most valuable player.

Golf Team's Winnings

Opposite page—— top left: Chip Norman executes a perfect swing. Top right: Clay Shemwell stops for a moment before continuing to the next tee. Bottom left: Nat Smith is caught in a candid shot. Bottom right: Ron Shemwell contemplates his last shot. This page——top: Chip Norman moves to find his shot. Middle left: Norman Bagwell tees off. Middle right: Stephen Gates is on his way to the next hole. Bottom: 1979 Golf Team: Nat Smith, Stuart Brown, Ron Shemwell, Norman Bagwell, Stephen Gates, and Chip Norman.

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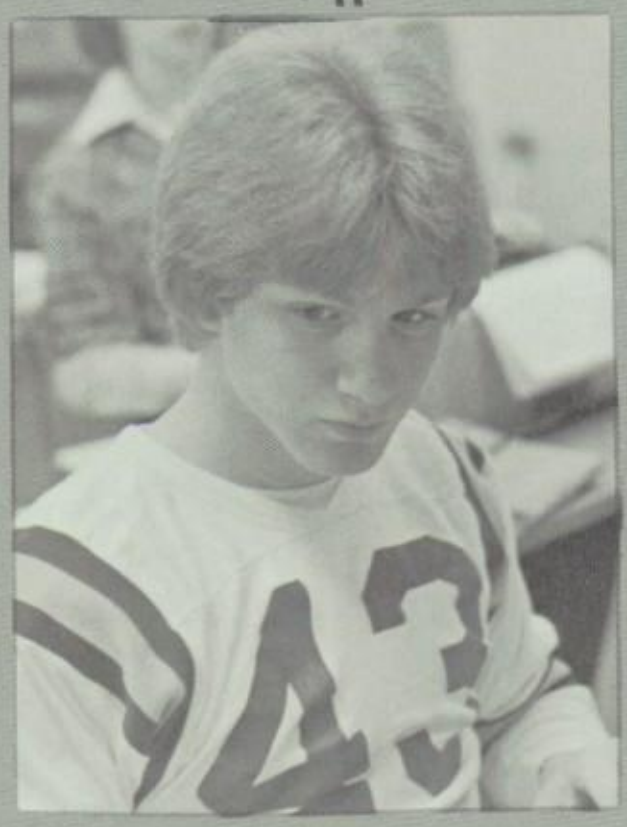
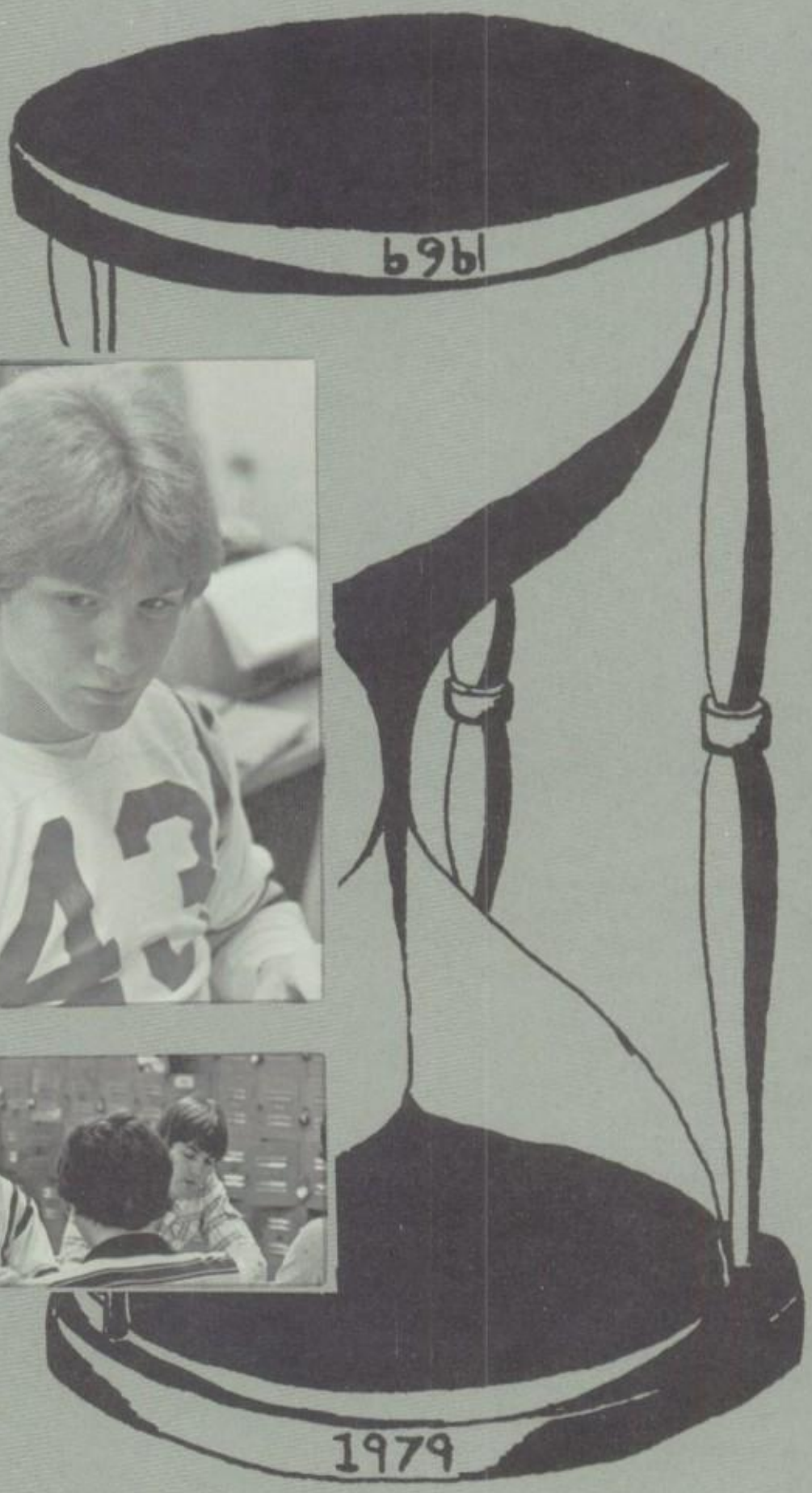




ACTIVITIES

Queen Elizabeth Reigns Over

Excitement, evident at all Homecomings, hovered about River Oaks School during the Homecoming week 1978, as Queen Liz Montgomery and her court cheer the Mustangs to a 48 to 12 win over Prairie View Academy in a game that will always be remembered as the game in which district-rushing records were broken by Ron Sloan.

Other court members were Senior Maid, Karen Ledoux; Junior Maid, Margo Tennis; Sophomore Maid, Shannon Spponer; and Freshman Maid, Rosemary Upshaw.

The night before the big game, the cheerleaders inspired the team, leading a large crowd in cheers at the traditional bonfire following the hot dog supper. The day began with the presentation of the Queen and her court to the student body. Escorts for the presentation were Kelly Hubenthal, Tim Williams, Woody Ledbetter, Stewart Gentry, Bradley Adair, and Mark Dallalio, who presented the court with gold footballs as momentos. Also, William Tosten presented the queen with a football signed by all the team members.

The court arrived at the stadium that night in Mercedes Benz driven by Edel Blanks, Brooks Hamaker, Bill Cotton, Robert Keeling, and Colby Sheppard.

Court members were presented to the audience at halftime by their fathers and then escorted to a sideline platform where they observed the victory.

Homecoming Festivities In 1978

Homecoming Queen
Liz Montgomery

Speech Students Present "Time Out for Christmas

"Time out for Christmas" was the theme for the 1978 Christmas program held on December 15, 1978. Tim Williams, president of the Student Council, was the master of ceremonies. The play featured narrators, portrayed as a Rag Doll, Teddy Bear, and tic and toc who were turning the hands on the back of the clock. The first 24 days of December were acted by members of the Speech Club. Each day came onto the stage and relayed his message of why that day could not be omitted on the calendar.

Intermissions of a Christmas caroling choirs were enjoyed by all. In addition to the play, the Speech classes made ornaments for each teacher in remembrance of her being on the staff at River Oaks.

The play was written and directed by the Speech Club sponsor, Francis Thrasher. Members of the cast included Rag Doll, Renee Gannaway; Teddy Bear, Tom Hamaker; Tic, Blanche Mattison; Toc, Bobbie Wyatt; the first 24 days of December, Curtis Houston, Rene Winegeart, Dawn Mickey, Suzan Arnold, Colleen Hammock, Todd Carter, Missy Webb, Mary Walker, Kim Norman, Brooks Hamaker, Keith Gilley, Jeff Guerriero, Karen Ledoux, Lee Jenkins, William Tosten, Leigh Anne Buller, and Stewart Gentry.

Top: Mrs. Futch leads Christmas Chorus in holiday songs. Middle left: Christmas elves, Missy Webb and Mary Walker, take a breather. Middle right: Lee Jenkins and Karen Ledoux are all wrapped up as presents. Bottom left: Julie prepares to sing Spanish Christmas carols. Bottom right: Mr. Halperin and Spanish students sing carols in Spanish.

RO Holds Annual Science Fair In February

The River Oaks Science Fair was held on February 16, in the gymnasium. Judges from Northeast Louisiana University issued the following results:

The zoology winners were 1st place, Jennifer Stephens; 2nd place, Clay Lassiter; 3rd place, Sarah Eberle.

In the chemistry category, Clint Thompson took first place; Monty Luffey, second place; and Robin Rivers, third place.

For the behavioral science category, the winners were 1st place, Allison Ray; Justin Guerriero, 2nd place; and Scott Phillips, 3rd place.

In the botany category, Rachel Huenefeld took first place; Connie Altick, 2nd place; and Amy King, and Robin Kilpatrick tied for third place.

Tanya Stewart took first place in the health category; Brenda Douglas, 2nd place; and Diana Gentry and Susan Illing tied for 3rd place.

In the earth science category, 1st place went to Shirley Kusin; 2nd, Denise McCarty; and 3rd, Charles Whitaker.

In the electronics and physics category, 1st place went to Kendall Lanningham; 2nd place to John Mitchell; and Van Tarver, Coleman Rowland, and Beau Lewis tied for 3rd place.

In the senior high division, the winners in the electronic and physics category were 1st, Norman Bagwell; and 2nd, Ron Shemwell. The first place winner in the chemistry category was Paul Harrop. In botany, first place went to Kristen Anderson, and second place to Lisa Illing.

Top: Mrs. Cruse inspects science projects. Middle: All 7th and 8th students participated with projects. Bottom left: Kim Thrasher ponders a project. Bottom right: Elementary students do some wishful thinking.

Elementary Students Have A Playday

River Oaks field day competition was hot and heavy throughout the afternoon of May 11. The competition was divided into a junior division, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders, and a senior division, consisting of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

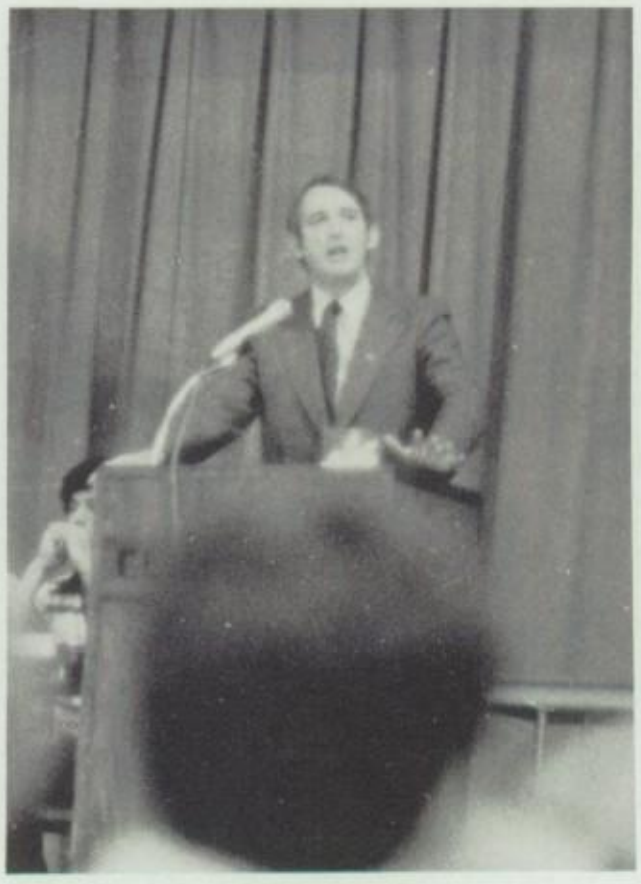
The events for the junior division were the sack race, 3— legged sack race, crab—walk race, wheel—barrow race, bear—crawl race, run and crawl, running backward, and the 30 yard dash.

Brian Futch and Marya Smelser were first grade standouts; Jason Bradley, Marlowe Morgan, and Catherine Spooner were second grade standouts; and Kevin Hurley and Missy Turner were third grade standouts.

The events for the senior division were sack race, 3 legged race, crab walk, bear crawl, wheel barrow, 50—yard dash, 75—yard dash, softball throw, and standing broad jump. Outstanding fourth graders were Cole Smelser and Lynn Jenkins; outstanding fifth graders were Mark Mayo and Michelle Cummings; and outstanding sixth graders were Michael Smith and Caroline Winters.

Top: Curtis Houston helps with elementary races. Top right: Mark Mayo puts all he has into the sack race. Middle: Wheelbarrow is about to start. Bottom left: Elementary girls give their "last kick" in 100—yard dash. Bottom right: Unidentified elementary student runs for his life.

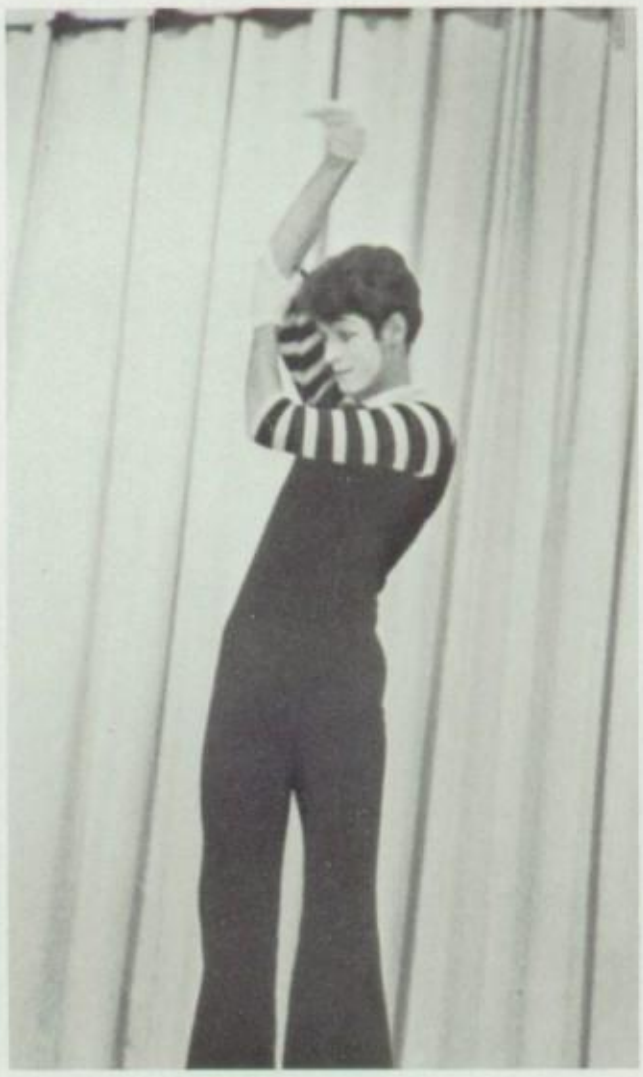
RO Vies For, Loses State Parliamentarian Race



The Student Council Convention was held March 25—27 at Cedar Creek School in Ruston. Members who attended were Tim Williams, Edel Blanks, William Tosten, Woody Ledbetter, Will Sartor, Mickey Masur, Clare Durrett, Beth Stewart, Danelle Dupree, and Jackie Petrus. Events highlighting the convention were discussion groups, a talent contest, speakers, films, a dance, brief entertainers, and a banquet.

River Oaks was active in many of the events. After being elected district president, the R.O. conventioners campaigned for the state office of parliamentarian but after three runoffs were defeated.

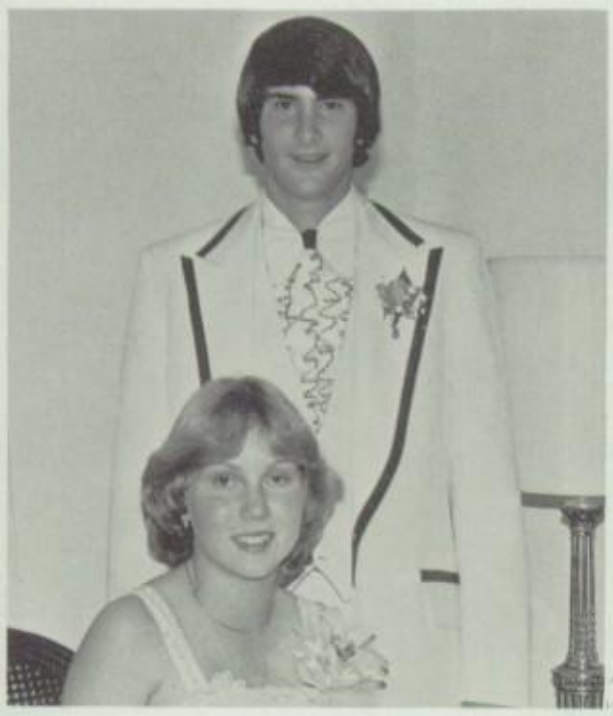
Danelle Dupree represented R.O. in the oratory competition and was rewarded third place for her speech on the importance of a student council at River Oaks.



Top left: After two days of speakers, Edel Blanks takes a nap. Top center: Speaker from La. Tech. Middle left: Jackie Petrus nominates R.O. for parliamentarian. Center right: Speech student from La. Tech performs in mime. Bottom left: Jackie, Danelle, and Beth between sessions.

Juniors Prepare A Night Ful

Of Excitement And Pleasure For Seniors



The success of the 1979 River Oaks Prom was brought about through weeks of planning and days of preparation.

Several weeks before prom night, March 31, juniors and their parents met to plan a theme. Although the basic theme was Spring, juniors elaborated upon it with innovative decorations. The Friday before the prom, a few students went to the Bayou DeSiard Country Club and began moving tables and chairs from the dance floor.

Saturday morning boys armed with saws and pick-up trucks pillaged the woods for young trees. Ivy was donated from neighboring fences. Mr. Clyde Webb built a lattice trellis to frame the band stand.

The juniors and seniors and their guests spent Saturday getting themselves ready for that night. Boys got their hair cut and picked up tuxedos and corsages. Some even hired chauffeurs and rented gold limosines. The girls spent the afternoon giving themselves manicures and facials.

That night, the guests were surrounded by trees, ivy, paper flowers, butterflies, and music supplied by Billy Pendleton and Earth. Everyone, including the chaperones, enjoyed themselves.

Opposite page—top left: Clay Petrus, Danelle Dupree, Leighanne Buller, and Missy Webb plan to move decorations for the prom. Top right: Tim Vines returns tux after the "big night." Bottom left: Mary K. Rabun combs her hair in final preparation. Bottom right: Lisa Webster demonstrates how to make a boutonniere. This page—top: Stewart Gentry, Mary Walker, Ellen Cole, and Kelly Hubenthal arrive at the prom in a gold limosine. Middle left: Lea Thompson and Bob Brown pose for a shot before leaving for the dance. Middle right: Catherine Shemwell and Karen Ledoux read the "Senior Will" and "tell all."

Dietzel's Speech Was Just One

Of Many Awards For RO Athletes

Held on April 27, 1979, was the annual River Oaks All-Sports Banquet. Speaker Paul Dietzel, head of the athletic department at Louisiana State University, spoke on the qualities of a true "champ."

Those receiving awards in football included Bradley Adair, Woody Ledbetter, Bobby Craighead, Ron Sloan, Todd Mahaffey, William Tosten, Kelly Hubenthal, Mark Dallalio, Keith Gilley, Scott Bradford, Tim Williams, and Robbie Ellington, players of the week. Also recognized were Kelly Hubenthal, outstanding linesman; Don Jones, most improved player; Woody Ledbetter, outstanding defensive player; and Bradley Adair, most outstanding player.

Honors received in Varsity Girls' Basketball were Elizabeth Edwards, outstanding offensive player; Julie Gates, outstanding defensive player; Clare Durrett, most improved player; and Missy Webb, most outstanding player.

Varsity Boys' Basketball awards went to Bobby Craighead, outstanding offensive player; Lee Jenkins, best free throw percentage; and Woody Ledbetter, most outstanding player.

In baseball the batting champion was Kelly White; most improved player, Fred Petty; and most outstanding player, Mark Dallalio.

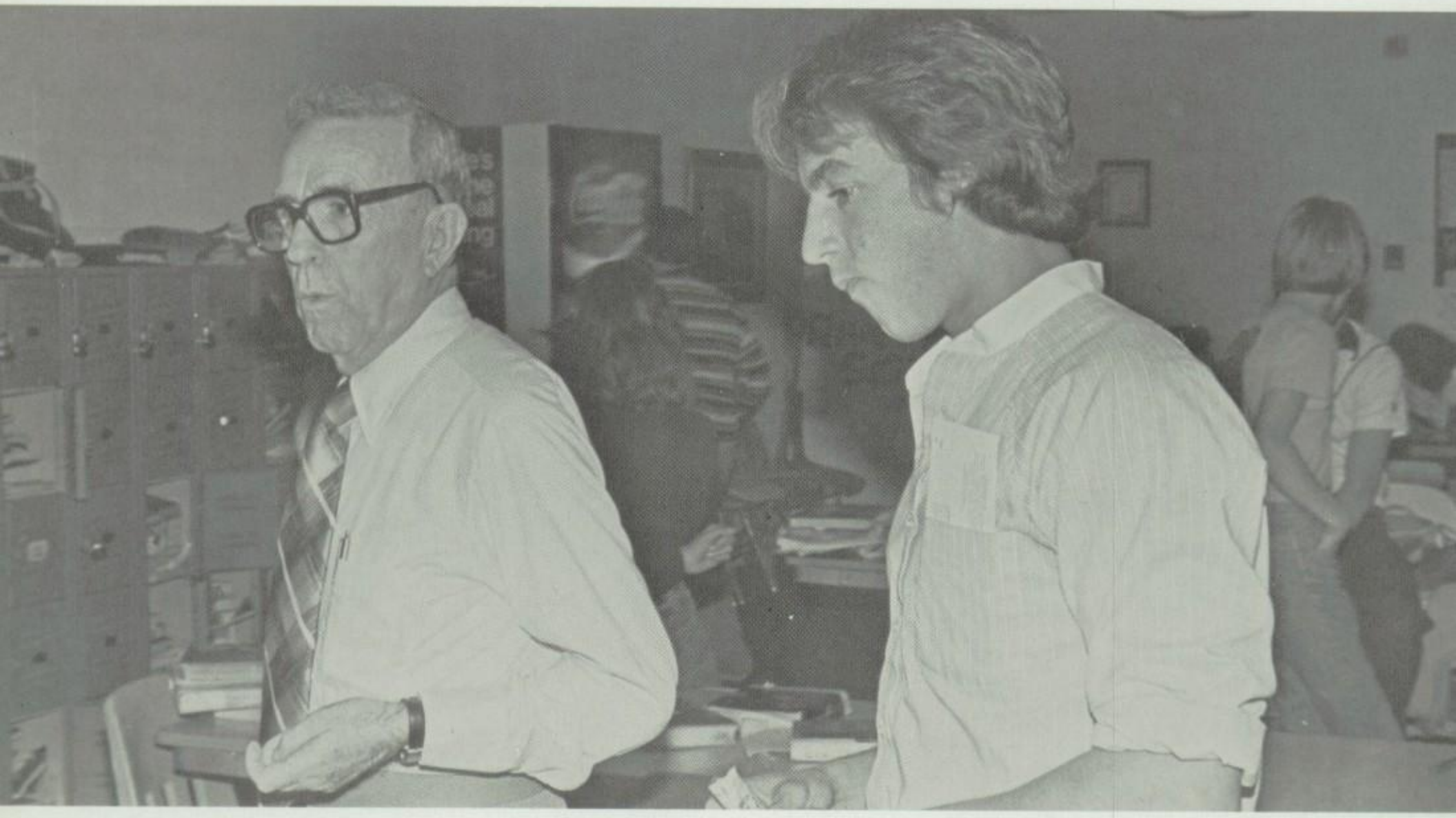
The most outstanding girl tennis player was Diana Gentry; most outstanding boy player was J. Altick. Chip Norman took the title of most outstanding golfer.

Boys' Varsity Track awards went to Woody Ledbetter, outstanding field events participant and also outstanding running events participant.

Girls' Varsity outstanding field events award went to Aimee Spence and Suzanne Mahaffey, outstanding running events participant. Scholastic awards went to Mickey Masur and Ellen Cole.

Opposite page–top left: Paul Dietzel relates his experiences to RO athletes and parents. Top right: Lea Thompson is acknowledged for her photography of the football games. Middle left: Mrs. Martha Jane Upshaw presents the varsity cheerleaders with gifts and certificates. Bottom left: Woody Ledbetter accepts a football trophy from Coach Boyles. Bottom middle: Fred Petty admires his "most improved player" baseball trophy. Bottom right: Robbie Ellington is named one of the players of the week in football. This page–top: Donald Jones and Edel Blanks return from the LA State Tennis meet, bringing home a second place trophy. Bottom left: Liz Montgomery and Richard Crowe enjoy the sports banquet. Bottom right: Mr. Bob Ellington congratulates Dr. Ron Ledbetter on Woody's achievements.

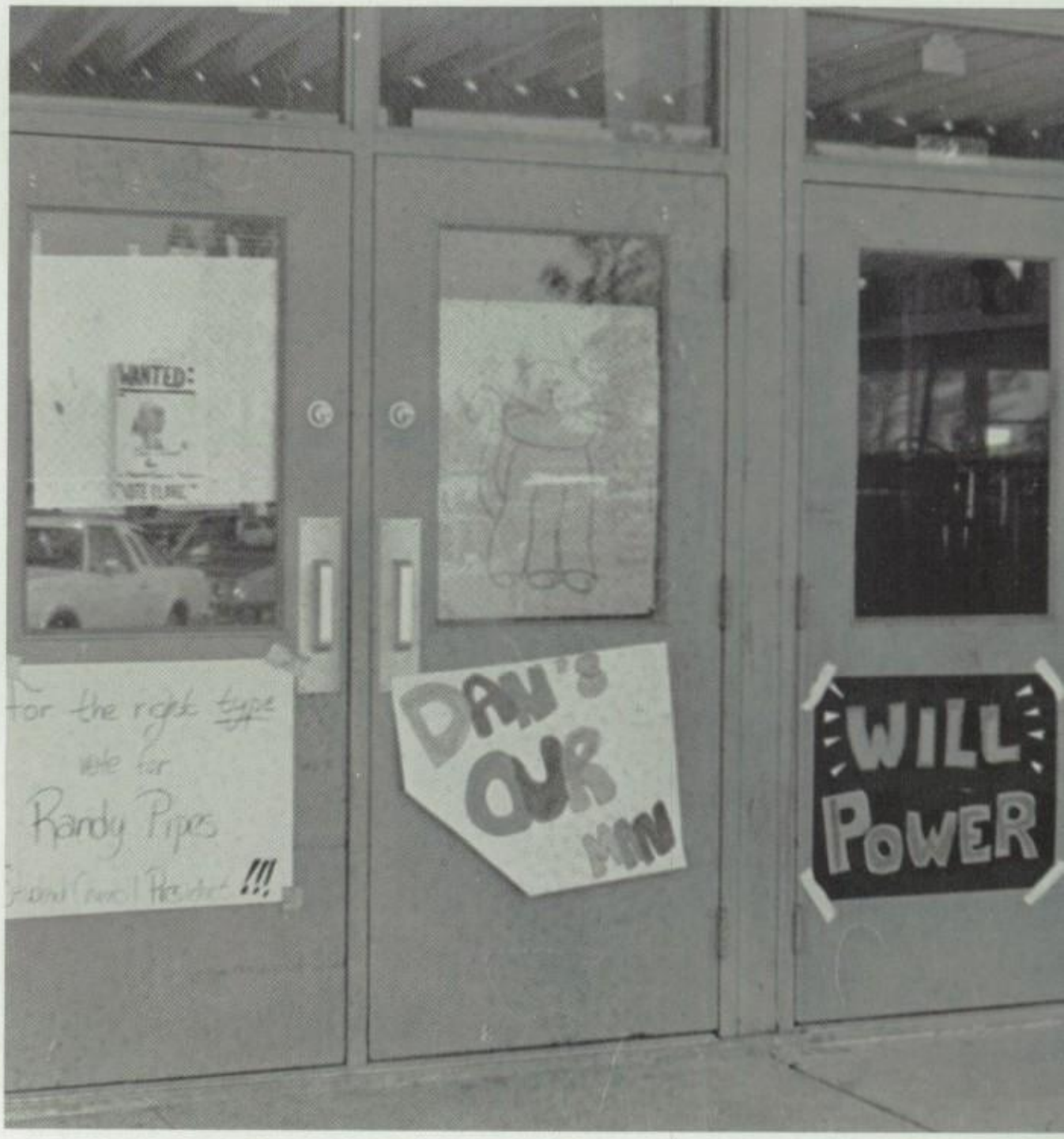
Student Council Elections In



Student Council elections began on March 5, 1979, with nomination speeches. For the office of secretary-treasurer, Jackie Petrus was nominated by Julie Ellington, Leighann Buller by Lea Thompson. Vice-president candidates Will Sartor and Danelle Dupree were nominated by Kelly Hubenthal and Liz Montgomery, respectively. Presidential candidate Clare Durret was presented by Woody Ledbetter; her opponent Randy Pipes, by Mark Dallalio.

Within the next two days, election posters covered the walls, and student could be heard discussing the various candidates. On the morning of March 7, students reported to homeroom to cast their ballots. The results were in by the end of first period: Clare Durrett was elected president; Will Sartor, vice-president; and Jackie Petrus, secretary-treasurer.

This page—top: Mr. Dunn and Tim Williams organize Student Council elections. Bottom: Election posters can be found everywhere. Opposite page—top left: Even the animals are getting involved. Top right: Clare Durret contemplates a new campaign idea. Bottom: Candidates appreciate Mr. Dunn's humor.



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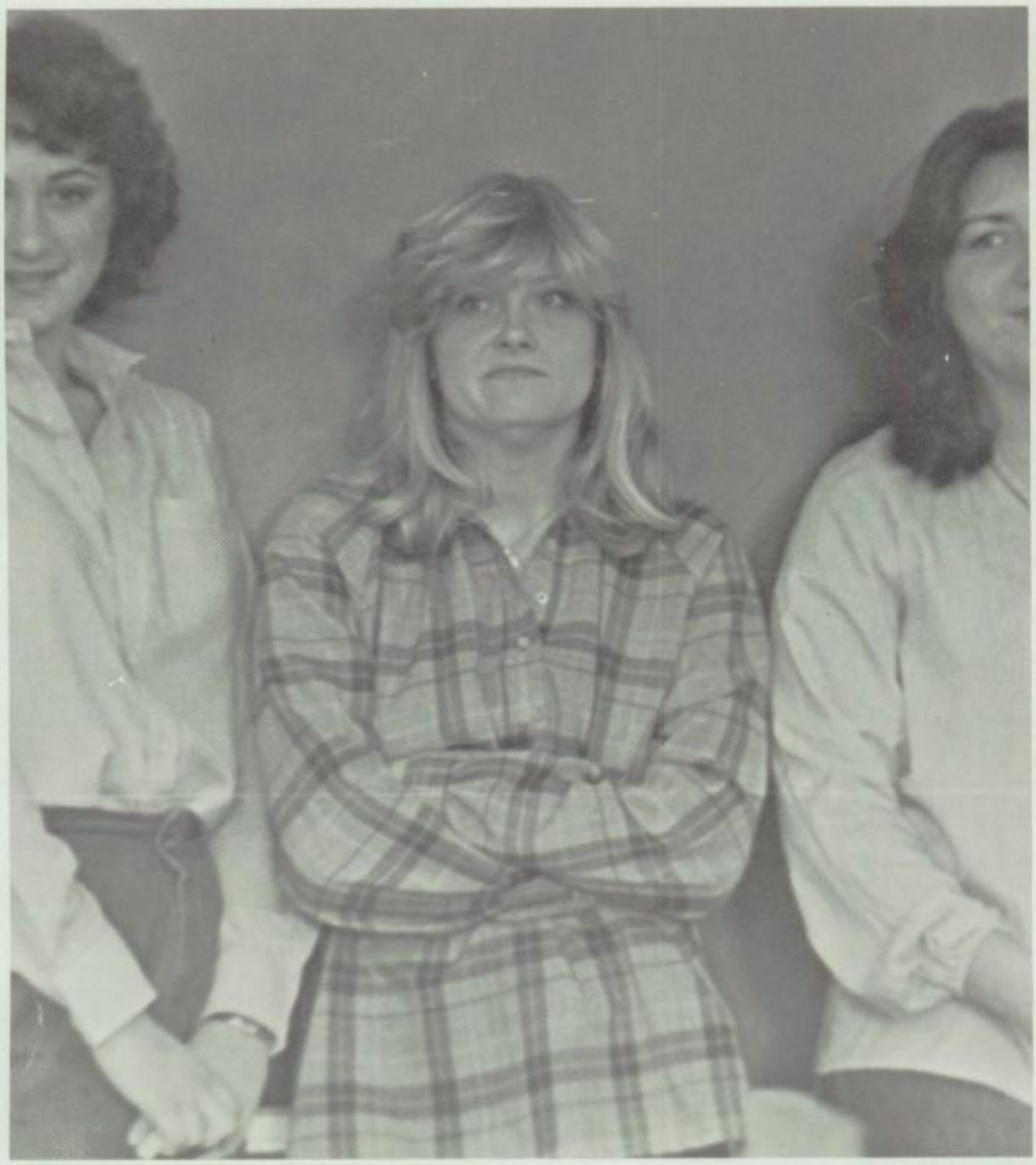


Students Are Awarded Plaques, Trophies

And Certificates For Their Superior Performances

The 1979 Award's Day Ceremony began with the installment of Clare Durrett as Student Council president.

Civic organization awards were the first to be presented: Edel Blanks received the DAR Good Citizen Award; Ann Files, DAR American History Award; Liz Montgomery, the Pilot Club Service Award.

Mr. Walter Dunn presented the Honor—Honorable-Mention students:

7th Grade— Alison Choate, Codofil Scholarship to Canada.

Girls' State 1978 Tech University; Tim Williams, Physics Award, Louisiana Tech University; Mark Dallalio, Football Scholarship, Baptist Christian College; Alison Choate, Codoful Scholarship to Canada.

Girls' State 1978 representatives Lea Thompson and Liz Montgomery and Boys' State 1978 representatives Edel Blanks and Jim Bell were also recognized.

Publication awards were presented to Lea Thompson, Leah Mayo, Ellen Cole, Clare Durrett, and Marguerite Martin for SILVER SPUR service. Nancy Kelso, Julie Gates, and Liz Montgomery were given PONY EXPRESS service awards. Julie Ellington received the Special Merit Publication Award. Clare Durrett was named the 1979-80 SILVER SPUR editor by Lea Thompson.

Band award recipients included Ford Williams, John Phillip Sousa Award; Robert Keeling, Outstanding Musician; Walter Sartor, Outstanding Junior High Musician; Rusty Hogue, Most Improved.

Ford Williams was also presented the Key Club Award.

Lisa Illing was recognized for her outstanding participation in the state Science Fair.

Students participating in the LISA Literary Rally were Norman Bagwell—world history, 1st in region; Bob Bell —chemistry, 2nd in region, 3rd state; Edel Blanks—Advanced Math, 1st region, 1st state; Alison Choate—French II, Clay Lassiter, Honor; Connie Altick, Honorable-Mention.

8th Grade—Shirley Kusin, Honor; Allyson Ray, Honorable-Mention. 9th Grade—Cara Gates, Honor; Elizabeth Johnston, Honor-Mention.

10th Grade—Norman Bagwell, Honor; Elizabeth Edwards, Honorable-Mention.

11th Grade—Ann Files, Honor; Missy Webb, Honorable-Mention.

Graduating seniors with a "B" average or above for seven semesters included Edel Blanks, Ellen Cole, Mark Dallalio, Betsy Ellis, Kathy Hereford, Kerry Kilpatrick, Mickey Masur, Blanche Mattison, Elizabeth Montgomery, Beverly Sloan, Vernon Stevenson, Lea Thompson, Tim Vines, Ford Williams, and Bobbie Wyatt.

National Merit Finalists were recognized: Kerry Kilpatrick and Gerald Gates. Tim Vines was honored as a National Merit Semi-Finalist, N.L.U. Foundation recipient, and Tulane Scholarship recipient. Other scholarship winners were Vernon Stevenson, James Sparks Foundation, N.L.U.; Ford Williams, Centenary College, Alumni; Lisa Webster, St. Paul's United Methodist Men's Scholarship; Bobbie Wyatt, Wyly Scholarship, Louisiana 1st region, 1st state; Mark Dallalio—Spanish II, 2nd region; Danelle Dupree—American literature; Betsy Ellis—Spelling IV; Ann Files—American history, 1st region, 3rd state; Cindy Fomby— English III, Grammar, 2nd region, 3rd state; Cara Gates—general science; Stephen Harrison—Algebra I; Martha Hayden—English I Grammar, 2nd region, 3rd state; Lisa Illing—biology; Nancy Kelso—general business; Kendall Lanningham—civics; Mickey Masur—English literature; Melanie Pierron—typewriting I, 2nd region, 3rd state; Elizabeth Sartor—typewriting II, 2nd region, Karen Smith, French I; Beth Stewart—English II grammar; Pete Trinca— geometry; Missy Webb—Algebra II, 1st region, 2nd state; Ford Williams—English IV Grammar, 2nd region; Tim Williams—physics, 1st region, 1st state; Bobbie Wyatt—Trigonometry, 1st region, 2nd state; Morgan Wyatt —Spelling I.

The following students participated in the Louisiana State Literary Rally at L.S.U.: Norman Bagwell— general history, 1st; Bob Bell—chemistry, 5th; Edel Blanks— advanced math, 4th; Priscilla Brown—English III; Alison Choate—French II, 4th; Danelle Dupree—Algebra II, 2nd; Julie Ellington—journalism; Ann Files—American history, 1st; Cara Gates— general science; Martha Hayden—English I; Kerry Kilpatrick—English IV; Mickey Masur—government, 1st; Melanie Pierron—typewriting I; Karen Smith—French I, 5th; Pete Trinca—geometry; Tim Williams—physics, 2nd.

State contest winners in the DAR Junior American Citizens Contest were Diana Gentry, 1st; Colin Williams, 2nd, in the essay division. In poetry, Amy Wallace placed first; Wendy Windsor, second.

The 1979—80 incoming members of the National Honor Society were Brad Armintor, Bob Bell, Priscilla Brown, Danelle Dupree, Julie Ellington, Ann Files, Cindy Fomby, Donald Jones, Marguerite Martin, Fred Petty, Melanie Pierron, Randy Pipes, Ansel Smith, Terri Stewart, Margo Tennis, Missy Webb.

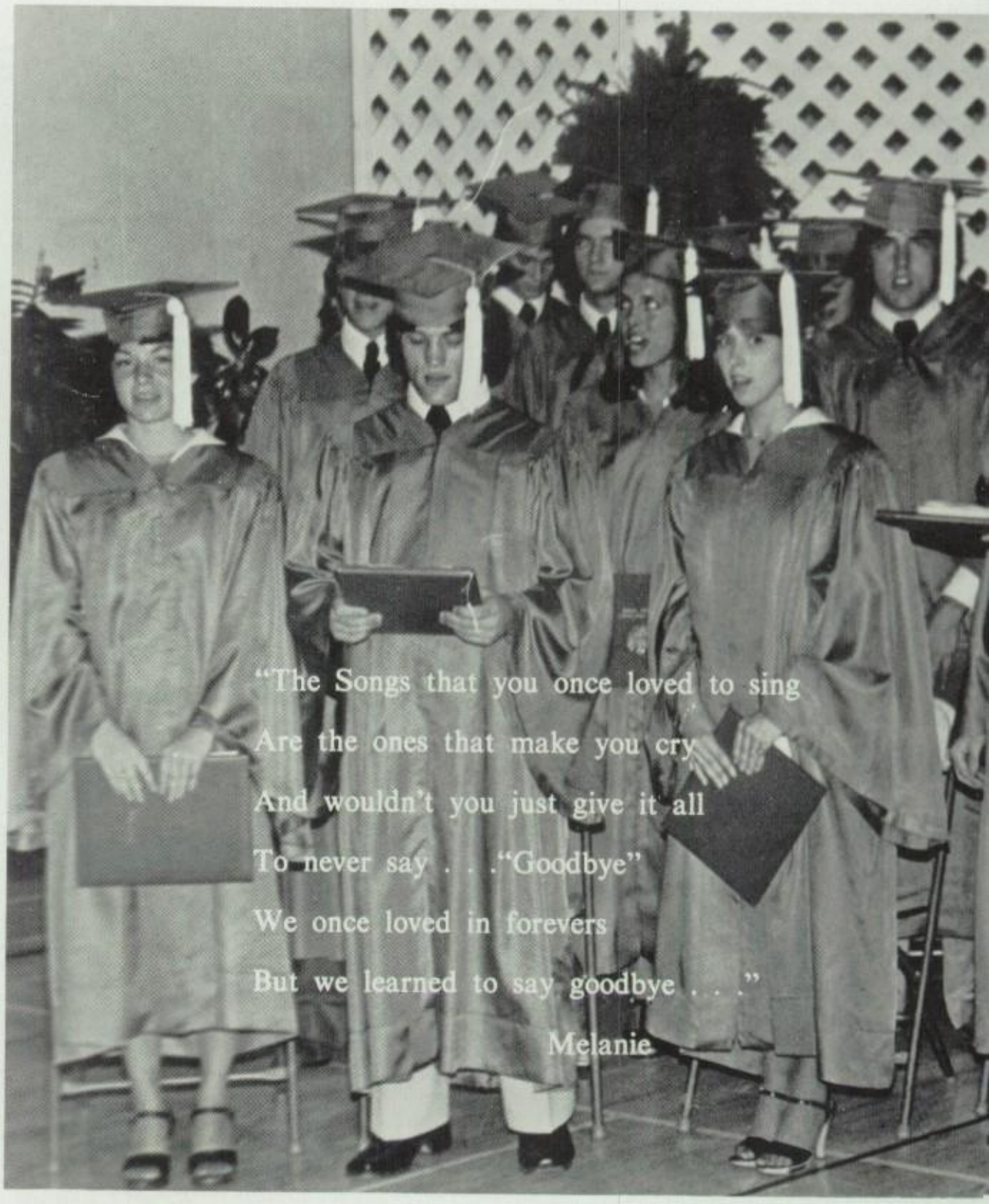
Opposite page—top left: Tech Rally Students— top row: Alison Choate, Stephen Harrison, Cara Gates, Lisa Illing, Ann Files, Elizabeth Edwards, Mickey Masur, Julie Ellington, Martha Hayden, Nancy Kelso, Karen Smith. 2nd row: Kendall Lanningham, Bob Bell, Beverly Sloan, Norman Bagwell, Pete Trinca, Lasa Webster, Tim Williams, Danelle Dupree, Melanie Pierron. Bottom row: Edel Blanks, Bobbie Wyatt, Priscilla Brown. Top right: Ansel Smith and Donald Jones admire awards. Middle left: Edel Blanks accepts his service award. Middle: Mickey Masur and Tim Vines were two of many seniors who received awards. Bottom right: Tim Williams presides for the last time. Bottom left: Jr. High award—winning students—top row: Rusty Hogue, Colin Williams, Walter Sartor, Diana Gentry, Amy Wallace. Bottom row: Clay Lassiter, Connie Altick, Wendy Windsor, Shirley Kusin. Bottom: LISA Rally Participants: top row: Cara Gates, Lisa Illing, Alison Choate, Stephen Harrison, Ann Files, Melanie Pierron, Mickey Masur, Bobbie Wyatt, Nancy Kelso, Martha Hayden, Karen Smith. Bottom row: Kendall Lanningham, Bob Bell, Mark Dallalio, Beth Stewart, Tim Williams, Cindy Fomby, Pete Trinca, Missy Webb, Norman Bagwell, Danelle Dupree, Edel Blanks.

Baccalaureate Stirs The Emotic

Baccalaureate service was held on May 13 in the River Oaks gymnasium. The Seniors walked down the aisle of blue carpet to the "War March of the Priests." Following the invocation given by Dr. Charles E. Holland, the Seniors were addressed by the Reverend John E. Dallalio.

"Knowledge was important but not as important as understanding" was the advice given to the Seniors on this, the last day before graduation.

This page——top left: Brooks Hamaker awaits getting his diploma. Top right: Graduates sing Alma Mater for the last time. Bottom right: Serenity fills the atmosphere for the "departing seniors." Opposite page—top left: Woody Ledbetter begins his last walk from the gym. Top right: Graduate receives diploma. Bottom left: Graduates listen carefully to each name, for it may be the last time this group is together. Bottom right: Beverly Sloan contemplates the many opportunities that face her.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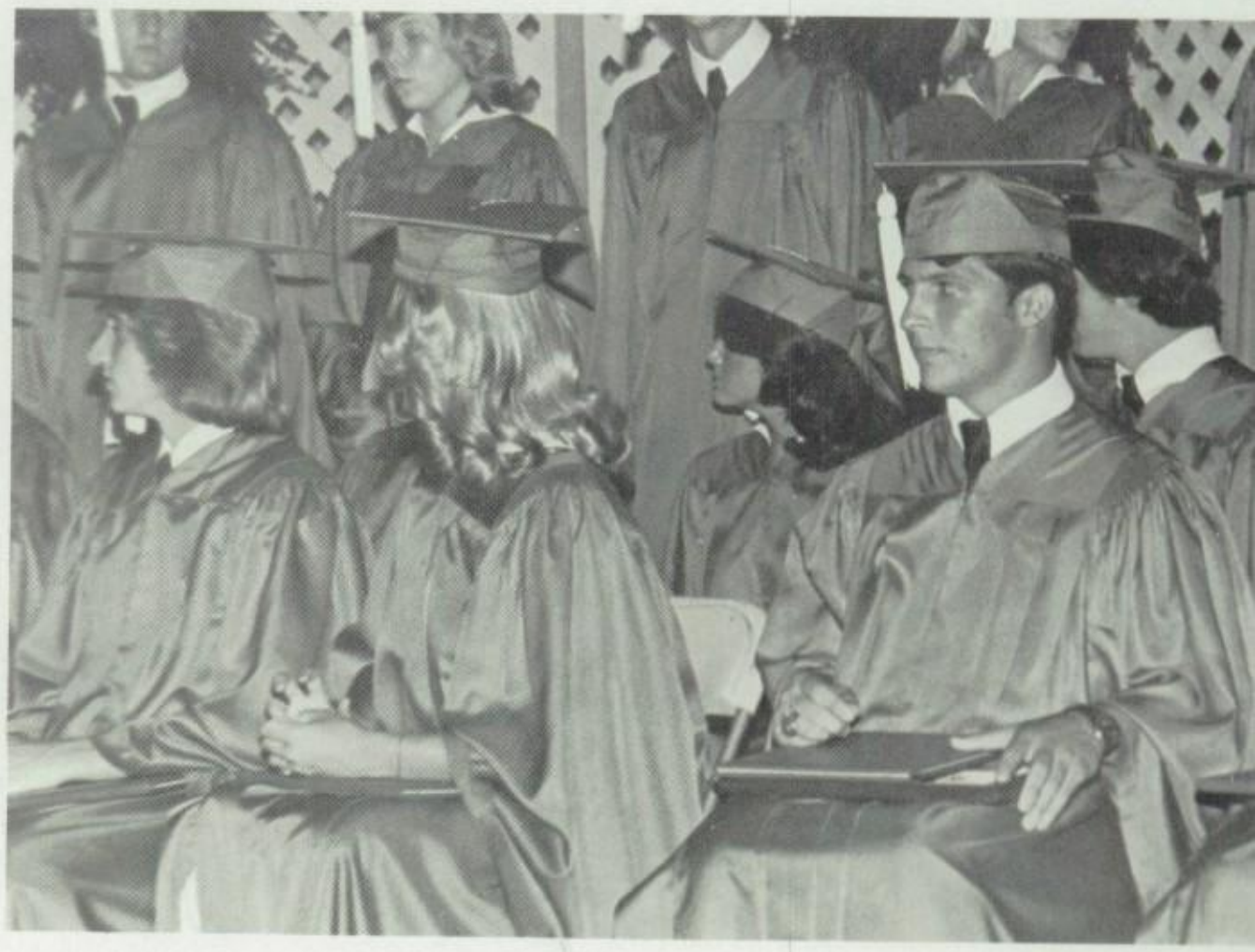

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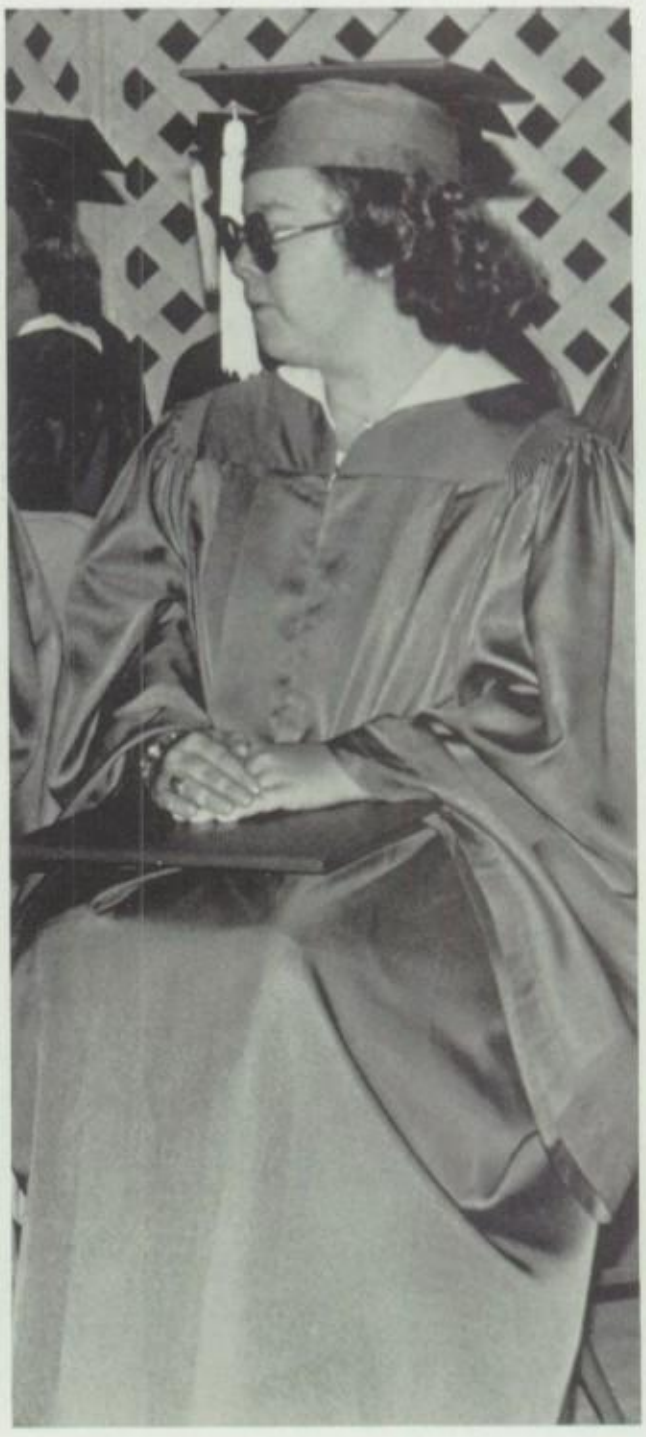

Tears, Last Farewells, And Excitement

The Harry M. Bell Memorial Gymnasium, the scene of fiery football pep rallies, Homecoming festivities, crowd motivating basketball games, the All-Sports banquet, and Awards Day presentations, served one final task in the 1978-1979 school year——graduation.

As the Seniors prepared to leave River Oaks for the last time as students, Valedictorian Ford Williams stated, "Each person, big or small, has his own task in life, and it is up to him to fulfill it," as the 1978-79 school year ended. Advice given to the class by Salutatorian Mickey Masur was "Each graduate is like a seed just breaking through the soil with many opportunities of life facing him."

As the Seniors prepared to leave River Oaks, they were remembered for their great contributions to the school. Award recipients included American Legion Award, Liz Montgomery and Edel Brooks; Scottish Rites Masonary Award, Mark Dallalio; Walter J. Pierron, Sr., Science Award, Tim Williams; Senior History Award, Mickey Masur; E.N. Jackson Memorial Math Award, Bobbie Wyatt.

With the conclusion a chapter in their lives, the graduates faced a new and more exciting chapter involving college, work, travel, relaxation, and much more.

This page—top right: Karen Ledoux turns her tassel and becomes a "true graduate." Bottom left: Dawn Mickey tearfully reflects on the past year. Bottom right: Ellen Cole enjoys herself at the champagne party. Opposite page—top: Kelly Hubenthal and Lea Thompson smile for one more time. Bottom left: Elizabeth Sartor and her date are caught by surprise at the champagne party. Middle right: Terri Rosenberg is ready for the toast. Bottom right: William Tosten, Karen Ledoux, Catherine Shemwell, Bradley Adair, find comfort in the Sherrouse's warm pool.

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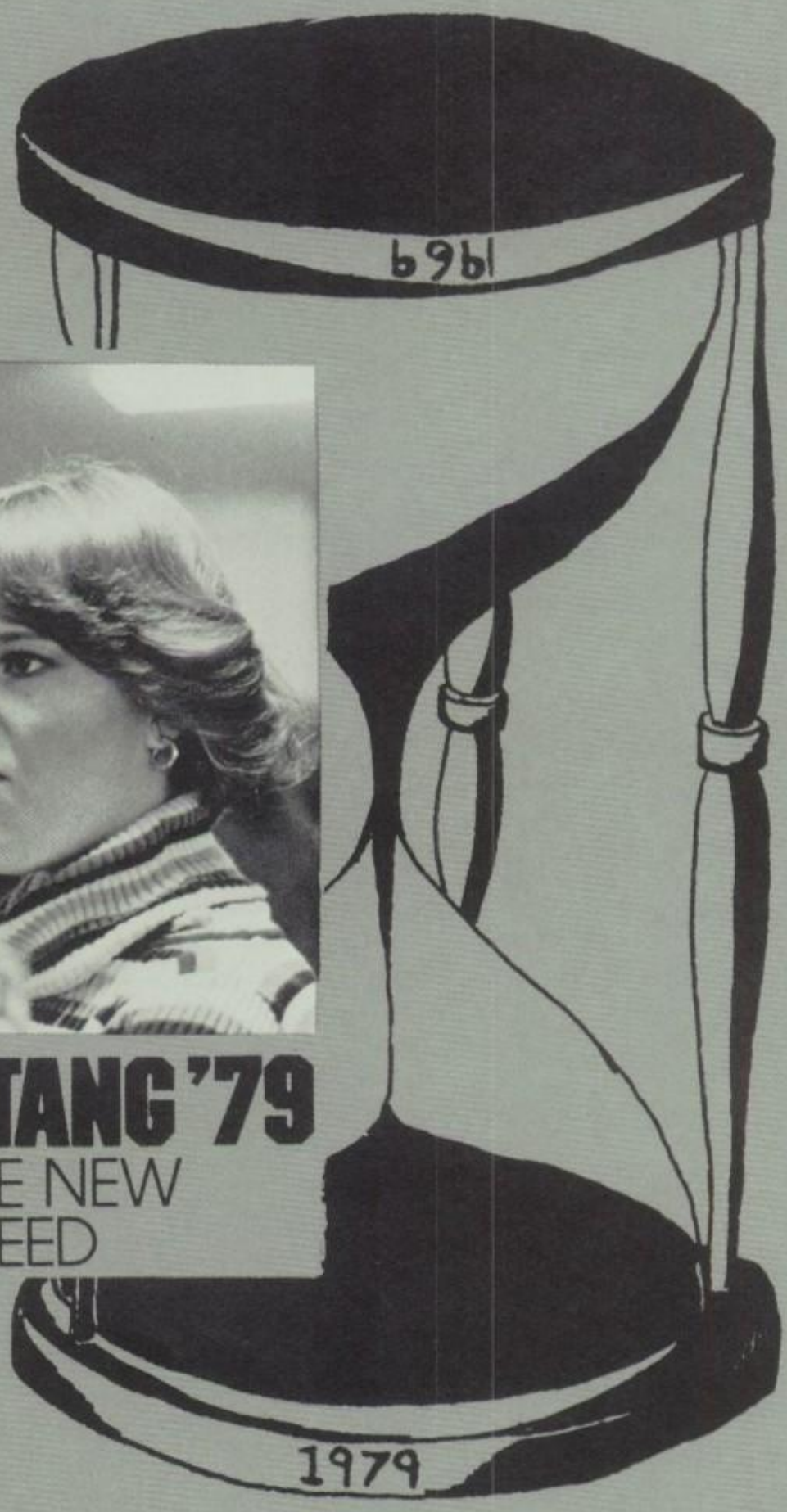

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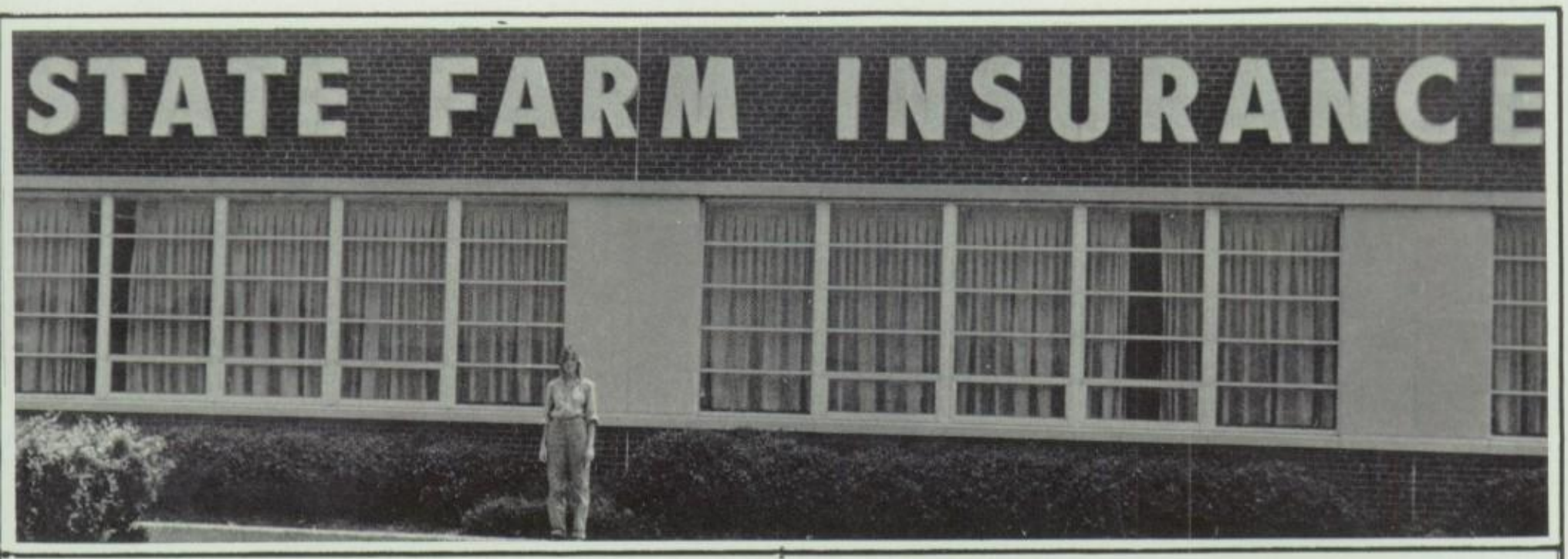

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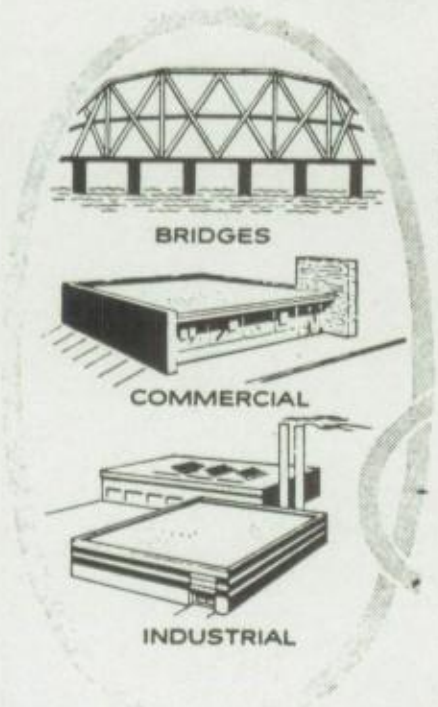

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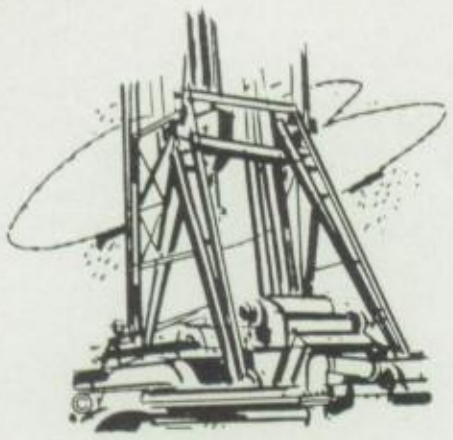

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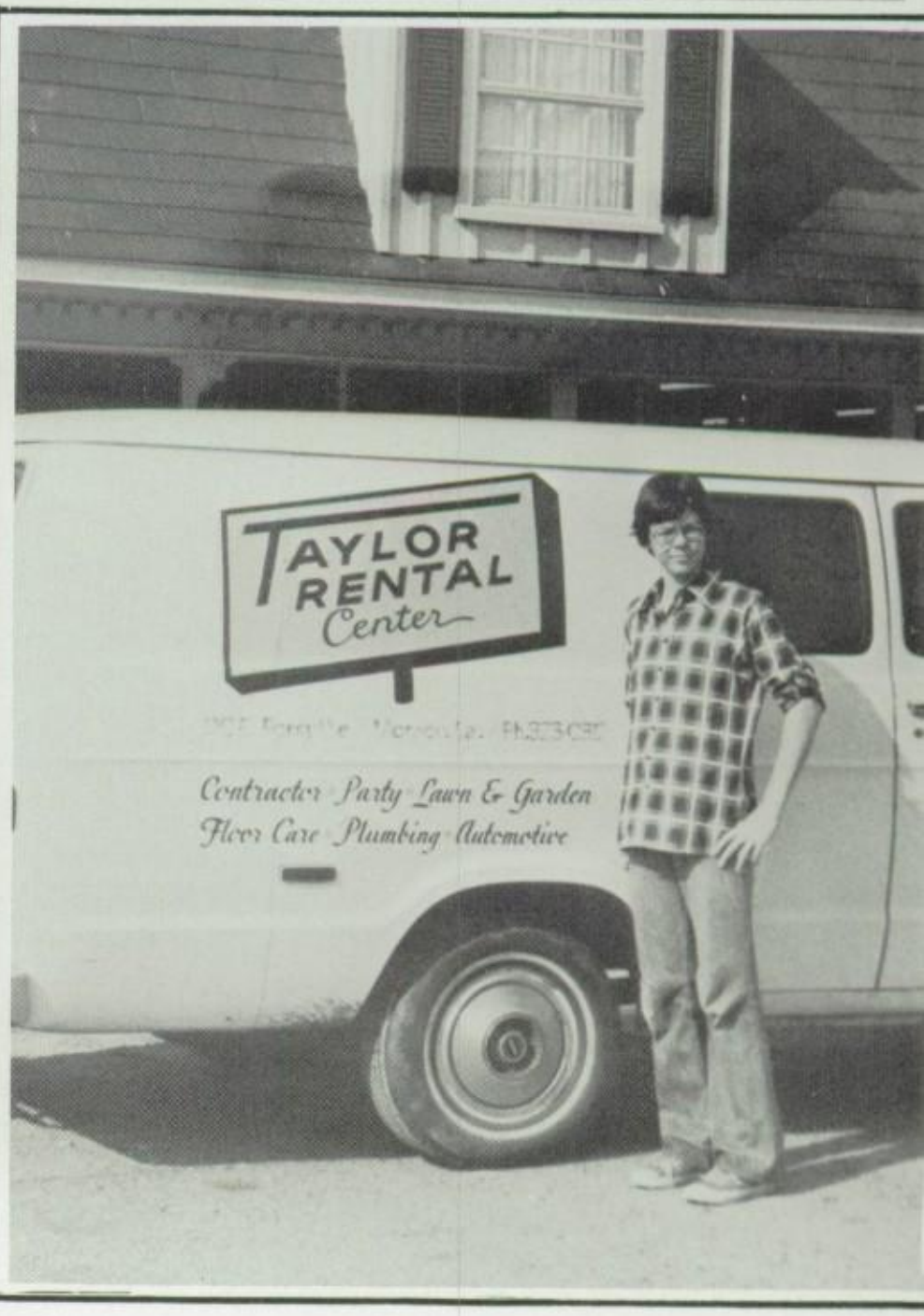

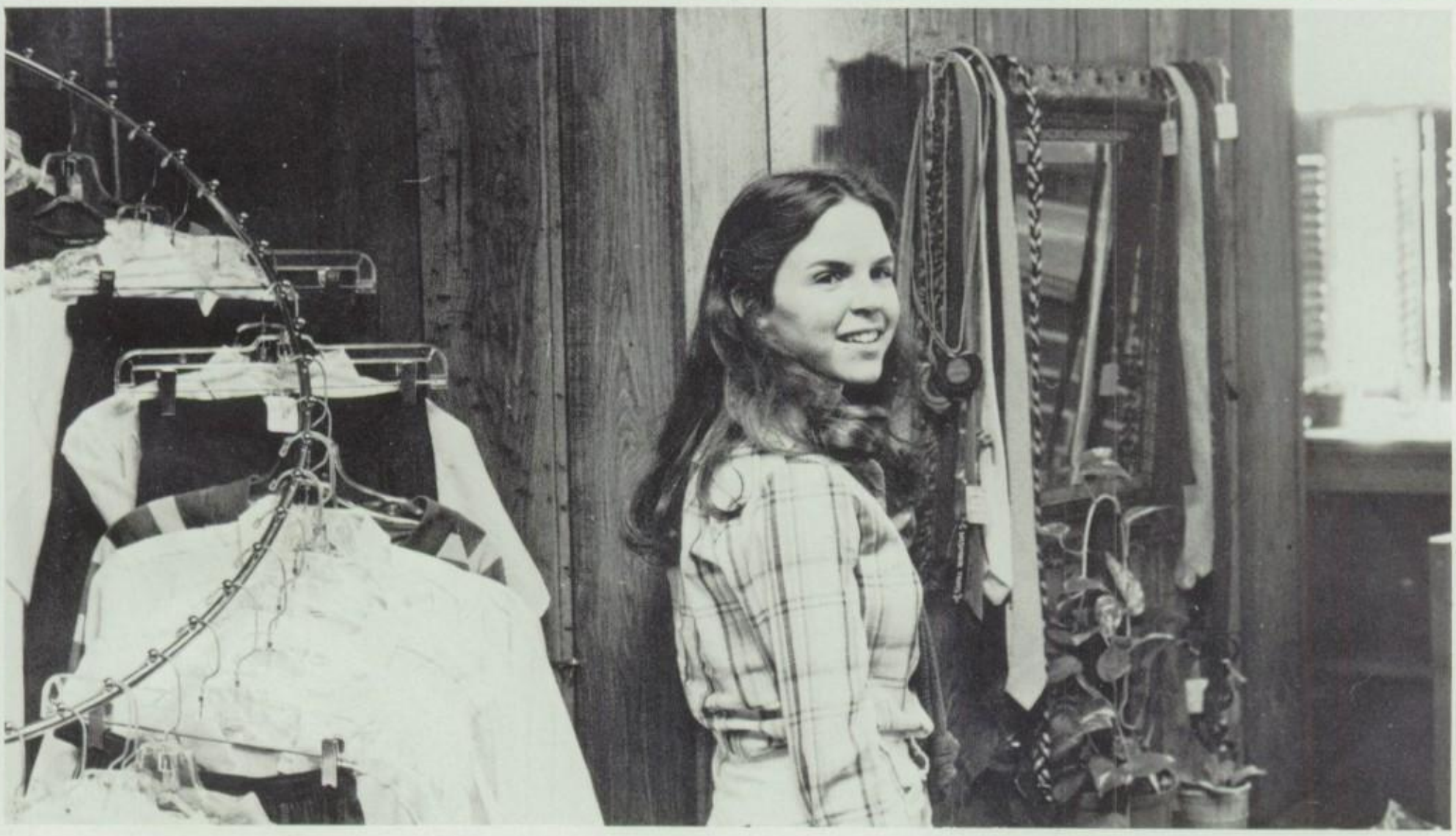

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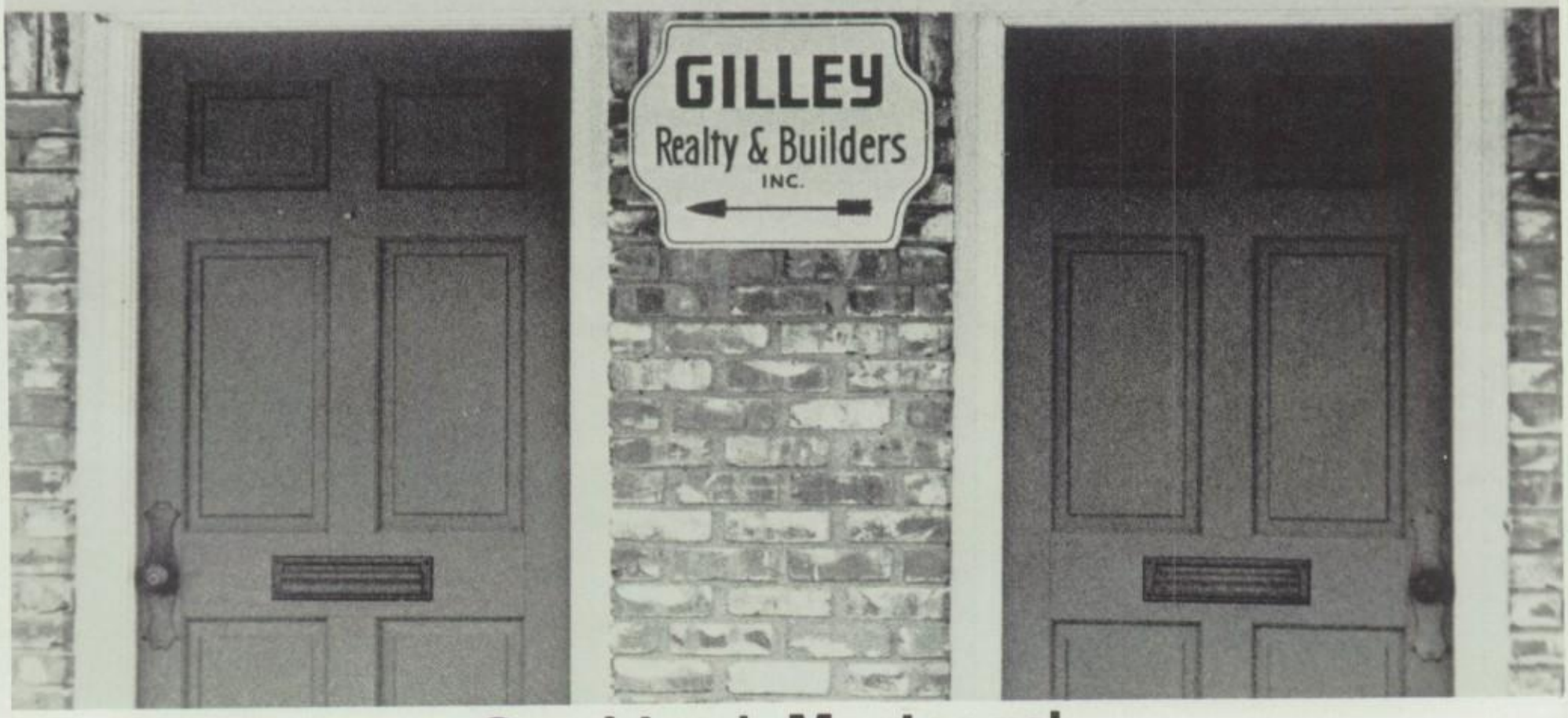

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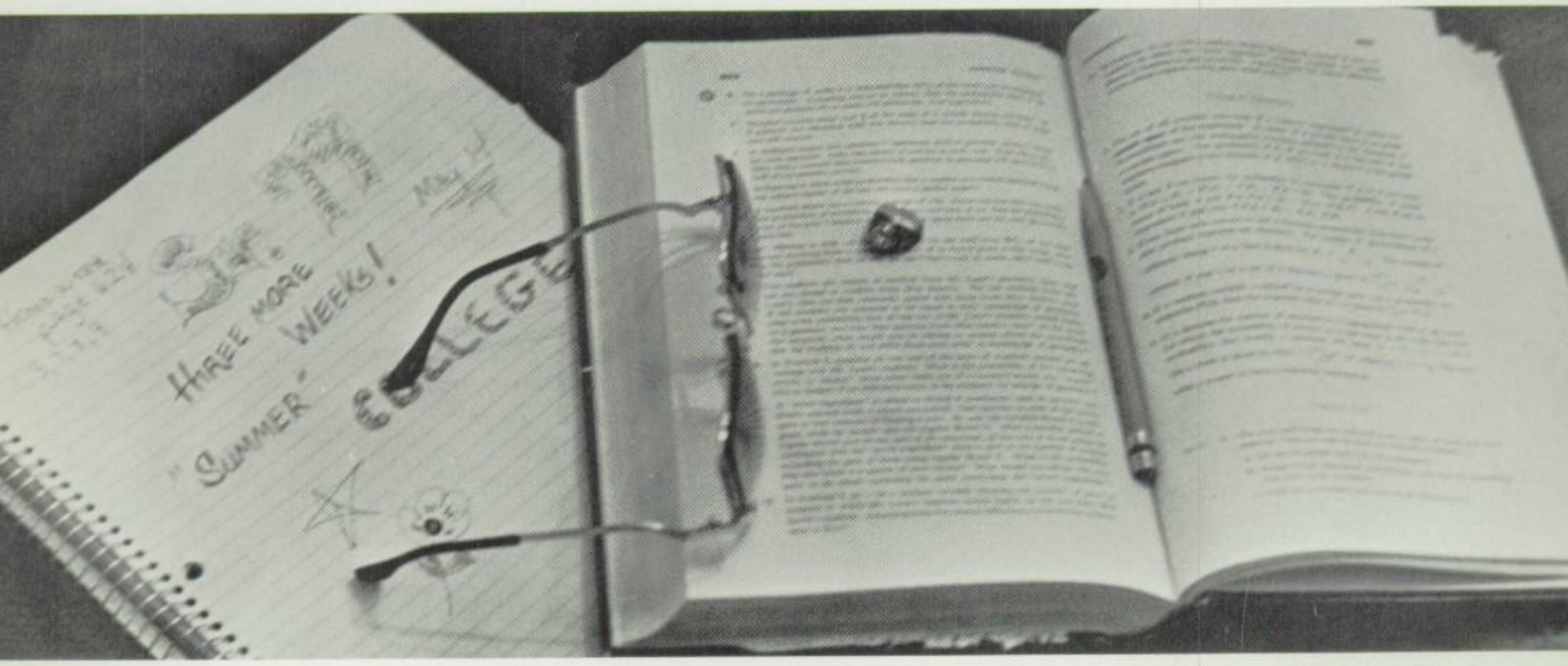
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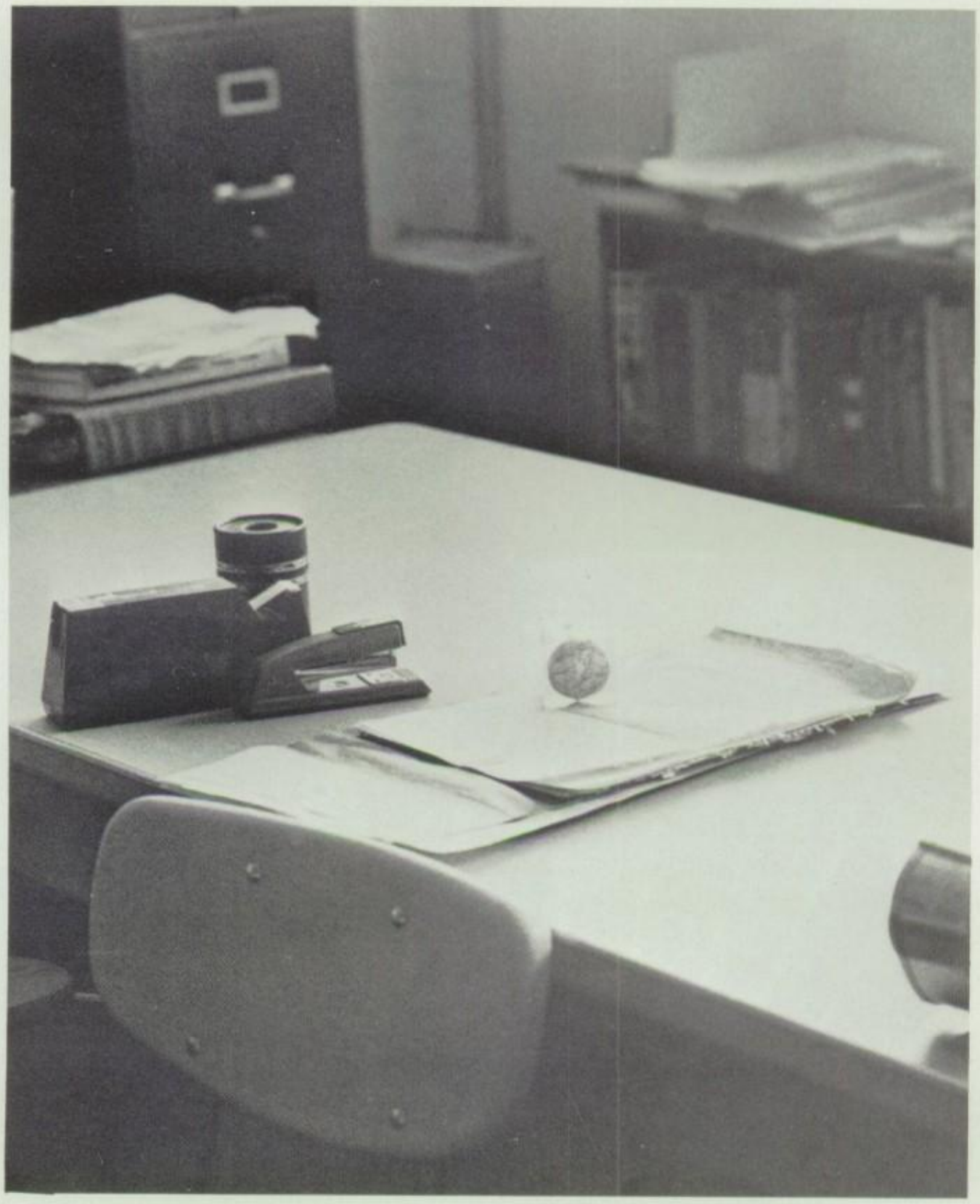

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In this book the memories of '79 are preserved; the good times with the awards of the well—deserved——we shall not forget. The old friends and new ones were just a part of '79. Also, the football games and long practices will always be fresh in our minds.

The struggle for success and the ambition never to be behind kept us on top as we remained the best. It was all a part of '79.

Off the field and off the court, studying had its place. . .We spent long and endless hours of preparing for tests to win the race; often this left us without much rest. All in all, each was a part of '79.

All of the enclosed memories are important, but the pride and togetherness that each established in his own way is intangible and cannot be preserved as such. Herein lies the purpose of this yearbook——for each hopefully to relive the pride and togetherness in future years, as he reflects on '79, the year of a new breed.

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